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# KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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[Kennewick, WA] On Thursday, February 23 2023, at 6:42 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 3930 S Cedar St. in Kennewick.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 9 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed visible fire coming from the roof and a large volume of smoke around the eaves of the home. Responding crews entered the home to locate the source of the fire. Once inside, crews discovered a well-developed fire in the attic space of the house. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire by pulling ceiling and applying water into the attic space of the home. The fire was extinguished within 23 minutes of the first crew's arrival on scene.

In addition to attacking the fire, crews were also tasked with placing tarps to help protect property inside of the home, and conducted a search of the home to confirm that no occupants remained inside.

The cause of the fire appears to be unintentional. The homeowner reported that the circuit breaker tripped multiple times, and was reset multiple times before smelling smoke inside the home.

Although KFD was able to rapidly extinguish this fire, smoke, water, and fire damage will prevent the home from being reoccupied until substantial repairs have been completed.

The home was occupied at the time of the fire, but none of the occupants were injured because of the fire. Additionally, no firefighters were injured during firefighting operations.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone that electrical circuit breakers are designed to stop by flow of electricity when a problem is detected, which helps prevent electrical circuits from being overloaded. Circuit breakers that constantly trip are an indication of a potential problem. If this occurs, breakers should be left in the off position and a licensed electrical professional should be contacted to investigate and address the problem.

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