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[Kennewick, WA] On Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 12:48 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a reported fence fire that had spread to a garage at 40 N. Kent St. in Kennewick.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 4 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed smoke coming from a small, unattached garage located at the back of the property. Responding crews were able to quickly apply water and extinguish the main body of fire within 5 minutes after the first crew's arrival, although additional time was required to locate and extinguish several hot spots.

The fire was unintentionally started by a minor experimenting with fire in his backyard. Unfortunately, high winds caused the fire to travel into dry grass and a nearby woodpile located next to a fence and garage that also caught on fire.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to encourage parents to discuss the potential dangers of playing with fire with their children. The KFD would also like to encourage parents to ensure matches and lighters are stored in locations where children cannot access them.

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