



---

# KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HONOR ♦ SELFLESSNESS ♦ COMPETENCE

---

### MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: Monday, May 29, 2023  
Contact: Michael Heffner, Deputy Fire Chief  
Phone: 509-528-8375  
KFD#: 2305470

[Kennewick, WA] On Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 12:28 p.m., a Kennewick Fire Department (KFD) ambulance was dispatched non-emergent to 111 N Mckinley St. to assist the Kennewick Police Department (KPD) who was serving a search warrant at that address. While attempting to make contact with residents at that address, KPD officers noted a strong smell of smoke, and later observed heavy black smoke and flames coming from one of the doors at the residence. Additional KFD firefighting crews were dispatched to this possible structure fire, including a Battalion Chief who responded to the KPD Incident Command Post to better understand the situation and ensure firefighter safety.

KFD coordinated closely with KPD to spray water into the structure, being careful not to inhibit KPD and other area law enforcement agencies from entering the structure to search the residence and conduct their investigation. Ultimately, KFD firefighters and paramedics transported one individual to an area hospital where the patient was reported to be in stable condition. Once the law enforcement mission was complete, firefighting crews were cleared to enter the apartment complex and fully extinguish the fire.

The apartment structure sustained heavy fire, smoke, and water damage. Residents in four units were displaced and the American Red Cross is assisting those individuals with temporary housing and other needs.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation and no additional details are available at this time.

#####