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[Kennewick, WA] On Saturday, July 3, 2023, at 11:46 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department and Benton County Fire District 1 were dispatched to a residential structure fire at 7202 W. 8th Ct. in Kennewick,

The first Kennewick Fire Department unit arrived on scene within five minutes from the time of dispatch. Upon arrival, they discovered a large amount of fire coming from the back side of the home, and fire inside of the attic space. Fire crews quickly applied water from the exterior of the home to darken down the main body of fire, and transitioned to attacking the fire inside of the home once the exterior fire was extinguished. Additional fire crews were assigned to conduct a search of the home to verify that all of the occupants made it safely out of the home, and to take precautions to prevent damage from smoke and water to the interior furnishings of the home.

Fortunately, the two occupants and two dogs made it safely out of the home before fire crews arrived on scene. Unfortunately, a cat and a turtle both perished in the fire.

Fire crews were able to bring the fire under control within 22 minutes of fire crews arriving on the scene. Fire, smoke and water damage will prevent the home from being reoccupied until substantial repairs have been completed.

There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians as a result of the fire.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, and is still under investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to exit the premises immediately with the occurrence of any fire in your home. According to the Fire Safety Research Institute, "Today you have the least amount of time to safely exit your home than any other time in history."

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