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[Kennewick, WA] On Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 4:58 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department (KFD) were dispatched to a reported residential structure fire at 3407 W. Hood Ave.

The Kennewick Fire Department on-duty battalion chief was first to arrive within 3 ½ minutes of being dispatched. He observed a well-involved fire inside of a manufactured home and communicated a plan of action to arriving crews who immediately went to work extinguishing the fire and conducting a search of the structure to ensure everyone was out. Fortunately, all occupants quickly recognized the spreading fire and safely exited the home.

The Kennewick Police Department, Benton Co. Fire District #1, Franklin Fire District #3, Richland Fire and Emergency Services, and the Benton Public Utility District also responded to assist with rendering the scene safe.

The cause fire was determined to be an unattended candle. The occupants of this home attempted to extinguish the fire prior to evacuating, until the fire became too large and dangerous for them to extinguish. Damage to the home leaves two adults and two children displaced, however, they found temporary housing with family. There were no injuries to any occupants or firefighters.

The Kennewick Fire Department wants to remind the community:

- If you experience a fire in your home, immediately evacuate and call 911 from a safe location
- Never leave candles unattended and always extinguish the flame when leaving the room or before going to bed
- Avoid using candles in the bedroom or other areas where people may fall asleep and never leave children or pets unattended with burning candles: it's all too easy for a candle to get knocked over by accident by your four-legged friends or small children, which can result in ignition of a fire or even burns from spilled wax.

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