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[Kennewick, WA] On March 23, 2022, at 1:54 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department, Richland Fire & Emergency Services, and Benton County Fire District #1 were dispatched to a commercial fire. The location for this incident was the Southridge Storage, located at 6215 W. Brinkley.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 5 minutes of being dispatched. The initial arriving crew had a faster than typically expected response time to this location due to the fact that they were at Trios Health Southridge Hospital at the time of dispatch. Upon arrival at the scene, the crew observed smoke coming from several storage units located within this storage unit complex. Initial firefighting efforts were placed on gaining access into the units that were on fire to apply water, and accessing storage units in front of the direction the fire was traveling in to prevent the fire from spreading. The fire was brought under control within 18 minutes after the first firefighting crew arrived on scene. The fire was contained to two units with smoke damage in an additional six units.

A key factor in the rapid extinguishment of this fire was early reporting of the fire. An alert person in the area reported the fire through the 911 system after observing smoke coming from a storage unit.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to dial 911 immediately if you see smoke or fire coming from a building. Early reporting is essential piece of preventing loss of life and limiting the spread of fire.

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