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[Kennewick, WA] On March 13, 2022, at 03:39 a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department, Richland Fire & Emergency Services, the Pasco Fire Department, and Benton County Fire District #1 were dispatched to a commercial fire. The initial information reported by dispatch indicated that an apartment was on fire.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 6 minutes of being dispatched, and found a fourplex heavily involved in fire. 20 mile per hour-sustained winds spread the fire to the roof and attic of a nearby fourplex before fire crews arrived. Initial firefighting efforts were placed on preventing the fire from spreading further. The arrival of additional firefighting resources allowed fire crews to focus efforts on fire extinguishment in the building the fire originated.

The fourplex the fire started in was occupied at the time of the fire. Officers from the Kennewick Police Department assisted with evacuations before the KFD arrived on scene. Fortunately, the second fourplex was vacant. It is currently unknown how many occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross and the Fire Chaplain are working closely with displaced occupants to find temporary housing.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

“As we spring forward” this weekend, remember to check your smoke alarms when you change your clocks. This is a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms or replace the entire device if it is more than 10 years old.

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