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MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On January 24, 2022, at 1:54am, fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department, Richland Fire & Emergency Services, and Benton County Fire District #1 were dispatched to a residential fire at 714 N. Nelson St. Dispatch reported a garage on fire at this location.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene under 4 minutes of being dispatched, and found a garage attached to a split entry home heavily involved in fire. The crew was able to quickly place water on the fire from the exterior of the garage and darken the main body of the fire down before additional firefighting crews arrived on scene. The fire station closest to this incident is located at W. 10th St. and S. Kellogg St. Fortunately, the crew housed at this fire station was in quarters at the time of dispatch. A rapid response from this station played a significant role in preventing the fire from spreading into the home.

One adult male and two children were asleep in the home at the time of the fire. The adult male reported being awoken to the fire when he heard strange popping and cracking noises coming from the garage. He additionally related that he smelled a faint odor of smoke. Although the home has working smoke detectors, none of them were activated until he opened the door leading into the garage to investigate the source of the odor of smoke. After discovering the fire in the garage, he made the conscious decision to close the door leading to the garage before evacuating his children from the home. This decision played an important role in preventing the fire from spreading into the home before fire crews arrived on the scene.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to check their smoke detectors and contact to ensure they are working properly. The Kennewick Fire Department would also like to remind everyone to "Get out and stay out!"

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