



KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 1:34 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department and Benton County Fire District 1 were dispatched to a field on fire. This incident occurred behind the address of 2227 S Fruitland St.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 7 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed a fire that was rapidly spreading in several different directions with a number of fences and homes that were in close proximity to the fire. Initial firefighting efforts were focused on extinguishing the portions of the fire that were creating the most significant threat to structures. Later arriving crews were assigned to assist with protecting structures and fire extinguishment in other areas the initial crew did not have the resources to protect.

It took approximately 24 minutes to bring the fire under control. The fire burned a substantial portion of the field, but no structures sustained damage. The quick and decisive actions of the crew on the first arriving fire engine prevented the fire from spreading to a home, a boat and a car located on Fruitland St. that were imminently threatened by fire when they arrived on scene. A later arriving engine was able to defend six additional homes from the fire.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Kennewick Police Department for limiting access to the area during the fire, and to the Kennewick Public Works Department for providing a 3,500-gallon water truck that assisted with water supply during this emergency.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone the fuels (grasses, brush, and bushes) in our region have rapidly dried out with the warmer temperatures and winds we have experienced. We urge extreme caution when considering engaging in any activities that could lead to a fire.

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