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[Kennewick, WA] On Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 2:13 p.m., Kennewick Fire Department (KFD) crews were dispatched to the Tri-Cities RV Park located at 7322 W. Bonnie Ave. for reports of a trailer on fire. KFD responded to the incident, along with the assistance of firefighters from Benton County Fire District #1, Richland Fire and Rescue, and the Kennewick Police Department (KPD).

While in route to the scene, KFD crews were informed the “reporting party knows there are dogs inside.” A second reporting party reported shared that “they didn’t believe any people were inside, but two dogs were inside.” Two Officers from the Kennewick Police Department arrived on scene immediately before responding KFD crews and reported that a singlewide mobile home was fully involved in fire and a second trailer had become involved in fire. The Officers knocked on the door of the second trailer in an attempt to make contact with anyone that might still be inside the trailer. The Officers also made contact with other surrounding trailers to ensure occupants were aware of the fire and were safe.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 6 minutes of being dispatched and discovered a singlewide mobile home that was fully involved in fire. The fire had also spread to a 27 ft. fifth wheel and a 35 ft. travel trailer that were both located within a few feet of the singlewide mobile home. Firefighters immediately began applying water to extinguish the main body of fire, and deployed firefighting hoses to extinguish the fire in both the fifth wheel and the travel trailer.

The fire was brought under control in approximately 26 minutes. The singlewide mobile home was determined to be a total loss, as well as both the fifth wheel and the travel trailer. A KFD fire investigator responded to the scene last night to begin a fire cause and origin investigation, which will continue today.

Over 22 firefighters responded to the scene. No firefighters sustained injuries as a result of firefighting operations.

The three trailers lost in the fire served as the primary places of residence for four adults who have been displaced as a result. Temporary shelter was offered to each of the impacted individuals, but has not been utilized since they all had other temporary alternative housing arrangements available to them.

Unfortunately, two dogs perished in the fire. One was located inside of the singlewide mobile home; the second animal was discovered inside the fifth wheel.

The KFD would like to remind everyone to ensure working smoke alarms are in place. Modern fuels inside homes leave only minutes to escape a fire. It is also extremely important to have and practice a fire escape plan.

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