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[Kennewick, WA] On Friday, December 2, 2022, at 12:40 am, Kennewick Fire Department (KFD) crews were dispatched to 206 S. Quincy St. for reports of a home on fire. KFD responded to the incident, along with the assistance from Benton County Fire District #1, and the Kennewick Police Department (KPD).

While in route to the scene, KFD crews were informed that two people might still be inside the home. Three Officers from KPD arrived on scene and located a semi-conscious male patient lying on the front porch of the home just before responding KFD crews arrived. The Officers carried the patient into the street where they awaited the arrival of KFD responders. The first two arriving KFD units were directed to provide medical treatment and transport for the patient. The patient was immediately transported to a local medical facility in critical condition and later flown to Harborview Medical Center for advanced medical treatment.

KFD's on-duty Battalion Chief arrived on scene just over 5 minutes after being dispatched and discovered a small, residential home with visible fire coming from it. After directing the first arriving units to provide medical care for the patient, he provided instruction for additional arriving crews to begin applying water on the main body of fire from the exterior of the home. Crews quickly transitioned from an exterior fire attack into conducting fire attack from inside the home, and completing a search for any occupants that may not have been able to get out of the home before crews arrived on scene.

The fire was brought under control within approximately 20-25 minutes after firefighting crews arrived on scene. Significant fire damage occurred to several sections of the residence. Smoke damage throughout the home will prevent occupancy for an extended period of time.

The cause of the fire is presently under investigation.

No firefighters sustained injuries as a result of firefighting operations.

The Officers on scene informed KFD that the patient's girlfriend arrived home to discover the house on fire with the downstairs occupant standing in the driveway. When she realized that her boyfriend was not outside, the patient's girlfriend opened the front door and attempted to enter the home to locate her boyfriend, despite being encouraged to stay back from the house. She found him lying just inside the front door, and was able to drag him out of the home onto the front porch of the house.

The second occupant that was home at the time of the fire was awakened by properly operating smoke alarms installed in the daylight basement she lived in. She was able to quickly flee the home without sustaining any injuries.

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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