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[Kennewick, WA] On Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 5:34 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department, Richland Fire & Emergency Services and Benton County Fire District 1 were dispatched to a residential fire at 9004 W. Klamath Ct. in Kennewick.

The first engine crew arrived on scene in just over 6 minutes of being dispatched. The slightly increased response time for this incident came as a result of the crew from the closest fire station being unavailable due to another emergency incident that occurred just before the fire. The first arriving crew did not observe any visible signs of fire from the front of the house, but noticed smoke coming from the rear of the home when they completed a walk around of the house looking for signs of fire or life safety issues that needed to be addressed. Once sufficient crews were assembled on scene, crews were directed to begin attacking the fire from inside the home.

The fire was extinguished within approximately 20 minutes of the first crew's arrival on scene. Extensive smoke, heat, and fire damage occurred throughout the home, rendering the home unable to be reoccupied until substantial repair and restoration work is completed.

The homeowner and her daughter discovered the fire when they opened the door leading from the garage to the inside of their home after they pulled into their garage. Immediately after opening the door, they encountered heavy smoke inside their home. Realizing the danger that was present, they immediately exited the home. The 11-year-old daughter additionally had the presence of mind to ensure the door was closed behind them when they left. This small but important act helped keep the fire contained inside the home until firefighters could arrive on the scene and begin firefighting operations.

No civilians sustained any injuries from the fire. The homeowner and her daughter were both examined as a precaution to ensure they did not suffer any medical issues from smoke inhalation.

The cause of the fire is presently undetermined and under investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to get out and stay out if you have a fire in your hose. Work with your family to develop a home fire escape plan and practice it.

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