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[Kennewick, WA] On Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 8:59 a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department (KFD), Richland Fire & Emergency Services and Benton County Fire District 1 were dispatched to a residential fire at 9004 W. Klamath Ct. in Kennewick. This was the same location where fire crews from all three agencies had previously extinguished a fire the night before.

KFD units arrived on-scene approximately five minutes after being dispatched. When the on-duty KFD Battalion Chief arrived on scene, he observed fire coming from the attic of the home, along with heavy black smoke coming from the eaves, and quickly upgraded the fire to request additional resources to assist with extinguishment. Given the fire that was present, and the concern for firefighter safety, the decision was made to attack the fire from the exterior of the home. A large number of void spaces, combined with the instability of the roof and building structure, made it impossible for crews to enter the home safely and presented a number of challenges for fire personnel to overcome.

A “fire watch” was in place throughout the night to ensure the home did not reignite.

No civilians sustained any injuries from the fire.

One firefighter was injured and transported to Trios Medical Center. The firefighter was applying water from a doorway when a large piece of sheetrock fell inside the home and clipped the front of his helmet. The firefighter was treated and released from the hospital.

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

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