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[Kennewick, WA] On Friday, January 20, 2023, at 7:33 a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department and Richland Fire & Emergency Services were dispatched to a commercial structure fire. The address provided at the time of dispatch was for the Reach Museum, located at 1943 Columbia Park Trail. Additional information provided while crews were responding to the incident placed the fire at the old Columbia Park campground, located at the west end of Columbia Park off Columbia Park Trail.

The first fire resource to arrive on scene was the on duty Richland Fire & Emergency Services Battalion Chief. Upon arrival, he notified all responding crews that the fire was located in a small shed, and no other buildings were threatened by the fire. The initial arriving crew quickly applied water on the fire for extinguishment. Given the small size of the structure involved, the incident was downgraded to minimize the number of resources dedicated to the incident to just two engines, a Battalion Chief, and a two water tenders.

No civilians sustained injuries from the fire, and no firefighters were injured during firefighting operations.

The cause of the fire is under an investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to contact 911 early if you observe smoke or flames. Early notification of a fire is paramount for life safety.

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