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### MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On Friday, February 24, 2023, at 12:20 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 206 S. Vancouver St. in Kennewick. This is the second residential structure fire that has occurred within the City of Kennewick in the past 24 hours.

The KFD Deputy Fire Marshal arrived at the fire within 2 minutes of the emergency being dispatched because he was in the area at the time of the call. He was immediately followed by the on duty KFD Battalion Chief and a paramedic unit that both arrived two minutes later.

Initial arriving personnel observed a large amount of smoke coming from the front door of the home and from one of the sides of the home. Flames were also visible from the exterior of the home.

Responding crews initiated a rapid-fire attack from the exterior of the house to darken down the flames before going inside to complete extinguishment. Once inside, crews used hose lines to extinguish a small amount of remaining fire on both the first and second floors. Additional personnel were assigned to conduct a search of the home for any occupants that may have still been inside.

Although there were no people located inside the home, a small dog was discovered that had succumbed to smoke inhalation after fleeing from the fire and returning inside before fire crews arrived.

An 18-year-old girl and a two and a half year old girl were inside the home at the time the fire started, but were able to safely escape before firefighters arrived.

The fire was considered under control and extinguished within 23 minutes after firefighting operations were initiated.

The cause of the fire is undetermined, and is being investigated

Substantial fire damage left the home uninhabitable at the conclusion of the fire. The family residing in the house is working with their insurance company and the American Red Cross to obtain temporary housing.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to get out and stay out if a fire occurs. Have an escape plan in place, and put the plan into action immediately if a fire starts. Due to the prevalence of synthetic materials inside of homes today, occupants only have approximately 2-3 minutes to escape.

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