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(Fire Damages Beaverton Apartment)

An early morning one-alarm fire Friday caused considerable damage to a Beaverton apartment. The fire was reported to 9-1-1 dispatchers a 1:15 am. Beaverton Police officers were first on scene and assisted in evacuating the building. The first arriving firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's South Beaverton Station #66 found heavy fire coming from the bedroom window of a two story, wood-frame four-plex. They quickly attacked the flames and completed knocking them down in less than ten minutes. The heaviest damage was to a bedroom. Water damaged the apartment below. TVF&R and Metro West Ambulance Paramedics examined and treated the lone adult occupant for smoke inhalation. The patient, however, refused transport to a local hospital. A total of 22-firefighters handled this incident.

Damage estimate is still being tallied. Fire investigators say the blaze appears to be accidental in nature. However, they are continuing their investigation. The Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross is assisting the occupant of the fire-damaged apartment.

Fire can occur when you are most vulnerable—asleep at night. That's why TVF&R reminds you to ensure your smoke alarms are working by testing them monthly. Create and practice a fire escape plan with your entire family. You may have only a few moments to escape a burning building. Complete safety tips on fire escape plans are available at www.tvfr.com.