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(Two-Alarm Fire Destroys Tualatin Area Home)

A two-alarm fire destroyed a rural Tualatin home Tuesday afternoon. Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to a report of flames in a kitchen at 21955 SW 70th Avenue at 3:00 pm. The first arriving firefighters from TVF&R's Elligsen Road Fire Station #56 found heavy fire coming from several windows of a wood-frame home. They also found a downed electrical line arcing in the side yard forcing them to attack the fire from the opposite side of the home. The incident commander called for a second alarm to bring additional resources and to set up a water shuttle. The area is not served by a municipal water supply and has no water hydrants nearby. Firefighters were able to bring the main body of fire under control in about 25-minutes. However, they remained on scene for several hours extinguishing hot spots in the 2,300-square foot home.

The home was owned and occupied by a couple and their five children. 34-year old Victoria Shavlovskiy was at home at the time along with her 13-month old and 3-year old children. She went outside to await the arrival of a 9-year old child from school. She was outside an unknown length of time and found heavy smoke in the house when she returned. She managed to retrieve the two smaller children and the three escaped unharmed. Shavlosskiy told investigators the 1948 vintage home had no working smoke alarms. The building is a total loss. That damage estimate is still being tallied. Fire investigators have begun their process of examining evidence at the scene and interviewing the homeowners to determine a cause for the fire. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds you that every home should have working smoke alarms. Here are some facts about smoke alarms:

- 🔔 It's the smoke that kills. Most fire deaths are from smoke inhalation, not from burns.
- 🔔 Deadly, toxic smoke can fill your home in only a few minutes.
- 🔔 Your first line of defense is a working smoke alarm.
- 🔔 You should have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside every sleeping area and, for maximum protection, one in every bedroom.
- 🔔 If you own your home and are unable to afford working smoke alarms, contact TVF&R.
- 🔔 Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- 🔔 Create and practice an escape plan for your family. Details can be found at www.tvfr.com.