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(Sprinkler System Minimizes Fire Damage at Beaverton Restaurant)

At 4:58 am this morning, a crew from Station 53 responded to a sprinkler activation alarm at the [Stockpot Restaurant](#) located at 8200 SW Scholls Ferry Road in Beaverton. Upon arrival, the crew could smell smoke and quickly identified a fire in an exterior metal pipe venting from a kitchen. Additional fire units were called to the scene and the crew entered the building for fire attack.

Inside, firefighters found a small fire in the kitchen's ceiling and walls. While crews cut holes in the roof to ventilate the kitchen, firefighters opened-up the ceiling and walls to quickly extinguish the fire. TVF&R credits the fire alarm and commercial sprinkler system to keeping the fire small until firefighters could arrive and finish the job. While investigators believe the fire began in the kitchen, the cause remains under investigation at this time. A damage estimate is also pending.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds homeowners that the fire and life safety protection of a sprinkler system is also an option for a home. Adding residential sprinklers to your home increases your chances of surviving a fire by 97 percent. In most cases, a residential sprinkler system can extinguish a fire in the "room of fire origin" with only one or two sprinkler heads. On average, home fire sprinkler systems add 1% to 1.5% of the total building cost in new construction. To learn more about sprinkler systems, visit: www.tvfr.com/Dept/fm/sprinklers/index.html.

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