



NEWS RELEASE

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(Fire Crews Respond to Winter Storm Related Incidents)

This morning Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to two incidents of women in labor. The first incident occurred shortly after 7 am at a Beaverton home. When the crew from Station 67 arrived, they found a woman with contractions approximately 90 seconds apart. They stabilized her and called for an ambulance. She arrived at a local hospital in time to deliver. Approximately one hour later, another 9-1-1 call was received for a second woman in labor who—while driving with her family to St. Vincent Hospital—became stranded due to road conditions on Highway 217 at Walker Road. When the crew from Station 65 arrived, the woman was experiencing contractions one minute apart. They stabilized her, called for ambulance, and she too arrived at the hospital in time to deliver. Karen Eubanks, Public Information Officer, states, “While a home or roadway delivery is not the location that most women would choose for their delivery, our crews are trained and ready, and have the necessary equipment, to deliver a baby.” On average, the District responds to 2-3 incidents a year involving women in labor.

TVF&R emergency crews have also responded to dozens motor vehicle collisions throughout its service area, including a multitude of accidents involving numerous cars on Cornelius Pass Road, north of Highway 26. TVF&R is advising the public to stay home today if possible and use caution when walking on snow or ice covered surfaces.

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