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### **(Homeowners Vow to Rebuild their Tualatin Home with a Residential Sprinkler System)**

On April 4<sup>th</sup> when Kim Williams and Michael Blackmon left their Tualatin home for a weekend trip, nothing seemed amiss. Little did they know that within approximately one hour, they would lose their entire home and possessions to a massive fire.

Would a residential sprinkler system have changed the outcome of this incident? Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue officials believe so. Williams and Blackmon agree and have vowed to build their next home with a sprinkler system. **Fire officials and the homeowners will be available to discuss the incident and benefit of residential sprinkler systems on (date) at 6625 SW Robbins Road, from (time).**

Unlike many commercial buildings, homes are not mandated to have a sprinkler system. However, eight out of ten fire deaths occur in the home. Fire doubles in size every 30 seconds; in only three minutes, a room can become engulfed in flames. Residential sprinklers are the most effective method of fighting a fire in the early stages before it causes severe personal injury and extensive property damage. A sprinkler system can contain and even extinguish a fire in less time than it takes firefighters to arrive on scene, and, in most cases, with just one sprinkler head, resulting in less water damage. *(On average, a residential sprinkler system utilizes approximately 300 gallons of water to extinguish a fire. Without a sprinkler system, a fire continues to spread throughout a house until firefighters arrive (6-8 minutes), typically requiring over 3,000 gallons of water from*

**Homeowners in interface area to consider sprinkler system.**

Recent technology breakthroughs have also made residential sprinklers more affordable and easier to install in homes. Today's sprinklers can blend into your interior décor and operate off the domestic water supply. On average, residential home sprinkler systems add 1 to 1.5 percent of the total building cost in new construction—the cost of a carpet or cupboard upgrade.

For more information on residential sprinkler systems, visit

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