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(Investigation Concludes for Tualatin House Fire)

Fire investigators have completed their investigation of a fire that destroyed a Tualatin house last Friday morning. The home—located at 6625 SW Robbins Road in Tualatin—was fully engulfed in flames when crews arrived within three minutes of the tap-out. TVF&R firefighters were able to save a large shop threatened by the fire, which contained valuable commercial equipment and vehicles for the homeowner's business.

Last weekend fire investigators reviewed aerial news footage in an effort to gain a timeline of the fire and identify areas of the home to focus their attention on. The homeowners also provided investigators with a floor plan of the home and their furnishings. This week investigators began the laborious task of sifting through, examining, and removing the charred remains of the second and first floor of the home. *(The home had a partial second floor which collapsed upon the ground floor during the fire.)* On the first floor, investigators found burn patterns pinpointing the living room as the room of origin.

Investigators believe the fire to be accidental in nature. Karen Eubanks, Public Information Officer, states, "There is no evidence prompting our investigators to believe that this fire was incendiary." Eubanks added, "Investigators have several hypotheses as to what may have started the fire, but because there is no conclusive evidence—due to it being destroyed in the fire—we will not speculate on an ignition source."

The fire is believed to have burned for some time inside the home before being seen from a nearby roadway by a passing motorist. Fire officials think several issues likely contributed to the fire's rapid spread throughout the home: the home was approximately 100 years old; the home had an open floor plan; and a nine-foot sectional in the living room—once ignited—accelerated the fire.

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