



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **(Despite weather challenges fire crews contain fast spreading fire)**

At approx 8:13 p.m. Tuesday evening, fire crews from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and Lake Oswego Fire responded to a call from occupants in a rural Clackamas County residence reporting fire in the basement and their house filling with smoke. The occupants escaped the home located at 5681 SW Prosperity Park Road without injury prior to crews' arrival. Fire crews in apparatus chained for traction, encountered steep icy roads and no fire hydrants in the rural neighborhood east of Tualatin. The difficult access and lack of hydrants required firefighters to stretch fire hoses a long distance and utilize water tenders to bring firefighting water to the scene. These challenges, coupled with extreme winter weather conditions, prompted firefighter to activate a second alarm for extra resources.

Despite these difficulties, firefighters made an aggressive attack and stopped the fast spreading fire from spreading to the first floor of the home. The preliminary cause of the fire was believed to be related to the home's furnace. Fire investigators are on scene conducting the origin and cause investigation. No damage estimates are available at this time.

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