



NEWS RELEASE

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Firefighters Battle Heavily Involved House Fire

At 7:33pm Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue was called to a house fire at 22965 SW Riggs Road in Washington County. On arrival, firefighters found a 2-story, single family residence fully involved with fire in a neighborhood without fire hydrants. The first arriving crews began fire attack with their on-board water supply, while additional crews worked to set up water shuttle operations. Complicating the work of firefighters were arcing power lines. At 7:48 a second alarm called to bring additional resources to the scene.

More than 45 firefighters from both Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Hillsboro Fire & Rescue battled the fire for over an hour, saving a nearby garage that contained vehicles, as well as a separate workshop. Because the home was in an area without fire hydrants, the incident required an extensive water supply operation. Several water tenders, capable of transporting 2,500-3,500 gallons of water each, continuously shuttled water to the scene for suppression efforts.

The home suffered heavy damage, however, no damage estimate is available at this time. There were no injuries.

Fire crews were staged on-scene throughout the night to ensure no hot spots re-ignited.



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