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(Beaverton Woman Hospitalized following Apartment Fire)

A Beaverton woman was hospitalized early this morning following a fire in her apartment. The fire was reported to 9-1-1 dispatchers at 12:40 am Monday. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to a building at 14160 SW Teal Blvd., Beaverton, with a first-alarm assignment of resources. The first arriving engine company from the Brockman Road Station #66 found light smoke showing from the ground floor unit of a two-story wood frame apartment building. They advanced hose lines into the apartment and found fire had extended from a fireplace into the structure and room. Firefighters quickly knocked down the blaze and evacuated the adult female resident who had taken refuge in a fenced patio area. The resident was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation and then transported by Metro West Ambulance to Providence St. Vincent Medical Center with nonlife-threatening injuries. Residents of the neighboring units were permitted to return to their apartments.

The burned apartment sustained considerable smoke damage throughout with the fire damage limited to the living room and kitchen. Damage estimates are placed at \$25,000. The cause of the fire spreading from the fireplace into the structure and living room is still under investigation. Firefighters remained on scene for about two hours looking for hot spots and performing salvage. During that process they removed a smoldering sofa that was in the living room and placed it on the concrete patio area where they hosed it down with water and firefighting foam. The last fire personnel departed the scene at 2:41 am. At 6:04 am Monday, firefighters were dispatched to the same address when fire erupted from the sofa outside. Firefighters arrived and quickly extinguished the exterior deck fire. The occupants escaped unharmed.

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