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(Fire Damages Washington County Home)

A one-alarm fire heavily damaged a Washington County home on Monday afternoon. Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue were dispatched at 3:43 pm to a report of fire in the rear of a residence in the 4700 block of NW Kahnetta Drive. When the first engine company from TVF&R's Somerset Station #64 arrived, they found heavy brown smoke coming from the eaves of a one story ranch-style home. They quickly determined that the homeowner had doused flames on a rear deck using a garden hose, but there was considerable fire in the attic area. Firefighters from TVF&R and Hillsboro Fire & Rescue entered the dwelling's attic and extinguished the fire in about 25-minutes. The homeowner was treated at the scene for minor smoke inhalation and refused transport to a hospital.

The homeowner told investigators he was alone at the residence and was mowing his front lawn when a neighbor alerted him of the fire. Investigators are still looking into the cause. The blaze caused considerable damage to the home's attic and tile roof support structure and damage estimates may exceed \$40,000. A total of 20 firefighters were involved in the incident. Washington County Sheriff's Deputies provided traffic control.

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