



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **(Fire Destroys Aloha Mobile Home)**

Fire raced through a double-wide mobile in Aloha just before one this afternoon. The blaze was reported at 12:49 pm in the Pine Ridge Mobile Home Park. When firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Aloha Fire Station #62 arrived, they found heavy fire coming from the front entrance, carport and a front window of the home. The flames raced into nearby trees scorching several fir and cedars up to 60-feet. Firefighters mounted a quick attack on the flames and reported that the fire was threatening adjacent mobile homes. The incident commander requested a precautionary second alarm to bring additional resources. However, the first alarm resources aggressive fought the fire and brought it under control within 20 minutes. The home was a total loss. An early 70s model Dodge pickup parked in the carport was also heavily damaged.

Two youths, ages seven and ten were in the home at the time the fire broke out. They told investigators their mother and grandmother, who owned the home, had left to run an errand. The boys discovered the flames, escaped the home unharmed, and notified a neighbor across the street. That person called 9-1-1. Another passerby awakened the neighbors in the threatened adjacent home and they escaped unharmed, as well. Firefighters protected the adjacent structure from serious damage.

Fire investigators are on scene interviewing witnesses and the occupants, as well as examining the evidence at the scene in order to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Damage estimate is still being tallied. There were no injuries. The owner, 54 year old Mary L. Addison, told investigators she had no insurance. As a result, the American Red Cross has dispatched a disaster assistance team to assist Addison and her roommate, 48-year old Jim Horton, who was at work at the time of the fire. This fire points up the need to ensure all members of your family have a fire escape plan and have practiced the plan. Children left alone and the elderly are often the most vulnerable to injury or death in a fire. For more information on fire and life safety issues, visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).