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(Second-Alarm Fire Heavily Damages Beef Bend Rd. Home)

Thirty firefighters with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue battled an early morning house fire at 13055 SW Beef Bend Road today. Crews were dispatched at 4:05 A.M. and were on scene within five minutes. King City Engine 35 was first to arrive. They found heavy fire coming from all visible doors and windows, flames 30-40' in the air, and three cars in the driveway engulfed. Initially unable to enter the structure, firefighters used multiple hose lines to battle the blaze in an effort to stop it from spreading to remaining portions of the home.

As firefighters worked their way around the structure they discovered a daylight basement where heavy smoke was present, but no fire. Concerned about possible victims trapped inside, they entered the basement and completed a primary search of the area and the floor above it. No victims were found.

A partial collapse of the ceiling and roof prompted a call to abandon the house and account for all personnel, which was successful. No firefighter injuries were sustained.

The fire was contained after fifteen minutes and hot spots were still being extinguished 90 minutes later. The home is located on a large parcel and there was never any danger of spreading to adjacent dwellings.

The homeowner was out of the area and was eventually contacted by a TVF&R investigator. He confirmed that, despite the presence of so many vehicles, no one was in the house. Investigators will begin working the site later this morning in an effort to identify a cause for the blaze.

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