



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Fire in Beaverton Displaces 4 People**

Fire burned through an apartment complex in Beaverton tonight damaging three units and forcing four people to find a new place to spend the night.

Crews from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue were dispatched to the Pacific Apartments at 4820 SW Pacific Avenue at 5:32 pm. When the first crew arrived, they found large flames torching the back-side of an apartment complex. Flames had also spread to a tree in the complex's back yard.

The crew called for a first-alarm response, which triggered more fire resources to extinguish the flames and protect neighboring structures.

Because the flames had spread into the building's attic, it took Tualatin Valley Firefighters approximately 45 minutes to extinguish the fire.

Investigators are on the scene tonight trying to determine the cause. At this time, it appears the fire started in the back yard of the apartment complex and then spread to neighboring units. Investigators have not assigned a dollar amount to the damage.

Although the cause is not yet clear, Tualatin Valley Firefighters remind the public that during periods of extreme heat, it's important to be extra careful with any heat source.

The American Red Cross is helping the residents find a place to stay.

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