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**Dishwasher Most Probable Cause of Oak Hills Fire**

A Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue investigator has determined that a dishwasher was the most probable cause of a fire that destroyed a kitchen and damaged much of the rest of a home in the Oak Hills neighborhood.

A neighbor called 911 at 11:51 a.m. on Monday, December 6th reporting flames coming from the front of a two story home located at 2325 NW 154th Place. Firefighters from TVF&R's Oak Hills Fire Station 68 arrived less than four minutes after departing the station, entered the home and encountered a fire in the home's kitchen. They quickly knocked down the flames and prevented the fire from spreading to other rooms in the house.

The resident told investigators that the dishwasher was running when he left the home.

"We recommend that you never leave your house with an appliance running," says TVF&R Deputy Fire Marshal John Wolff, "this includes dishwashers, dryers, or other appliances that produce heat."