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Fast Response Saves Home in Oak Hills

A quick response by firefighters from TVF&R's Station 68 saved a home in the Oak Hills neighborhood this morning. A neighbor called 911 at 11:51 a.m. reporting flames belching 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.

Firefighters from TVF&R's Station 64, Beaverton Station 67 and Hillsboro Fire and Rescue's Engine 6 arrived within minutes and quickly set to work searching the house to ensure no-one was inside and extinguishing the fire.

The home's resident was away at the time of the fire and no-one was injured. A TVF&R fire investigator is working to determine the cause of the fire. Although damage from fire is confined to the kitchen, there is significant heat and smoke damage throughout the bottom floor.

"Looking at the damage inside this home, you can clearly see why we tell people to get low and crawl on the floor in a fire," says TVF&R Public Information Officer Brian Barker, "although the fire was confined to the kitchen, you can see melted paint and plastic at eye level on the other side of the house. In a fire like this, the heat from the fire builds quickly and is deadly hot a few feet off of the floor, but down low there is little heat damage at all."

