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Cause of Fire in Vacant Sherwood Home Under Investigation

Investigators from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and the Sherwood Police Department are hoping the public can help them with information about the cause of last night's fire in an empty home at 21961 SW Sherwood Blvd.

Firefighters TVF&R were dispatched to the home, which is adjacent to the Sherwood Senior Center, at 5:00 p.m. Firefighters from TVF&R's Station 33 in Sherwood arrived less than five minutes after being dispatched and found heavy flames and smoke pouring from all windows of the empty house.

As firefighters worked to confirm that no-one was in the home, they also focused their attention on ensuring that the fire did not spread to the Senior Center, which was not damaged.

Firefighters from TVF&R's Sherwood, King City, Tualatin, and Wilsonville Stations controlled the blaze after approximately 20 minutes.

The home was recently purchased by the City of Sherwood.

No estimate of damages is available at this time. The cause of the fire is under investigation. TVF&R investigators and detectives from the Sherwood Police Department are asking anyone with information about the fire's cause to call them at 503-629-0111.