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4 Dogs Killed in Beaverton House Fire

A Beaverton home was significantly damaged this afternoon after a fire ignited in the middle of the day. A resident of the home called 9-1-1 at 10:29 a.m. reporting that the back of his house at 11775 SW 11th Street was on fire. TVF&R's Engine 67 arrived at the home less than 4 minutes later to find flames and smoke coming from the rear of the house. A woman outside the structure told firefighters someone in the house was injured, so firefighters immediately made entry into the house and began searching for occupants.

As additional resources arrived at the scene, more firefighters were sent into the home to search for people inside as other firefighters began knocking down the flames. The fire spread from the home's back porch into the attic, so firefighters cut holes in the roof to access and extinguish the fire. While firefighters worked inside the home to search for occupants, a resident of the home was located at the rear of the structure and assisted by paramedics. The resident was transported to a local hospital by Metro West ambulance. Soon afterwards, firefighters were able to determine that no-one else was inside the home.

Firefighters encountered significant obstacles extinguishing the flames due to a large amount of material inside the home. In many places, the rooms were so packed with belongings that firefighters were forced to navigate narrow trails through the house while contending with heavy smoke and little to no visibility.

4 adult Pit Bull dogs were found deceased inside the home.

A TVF&R investigator spent most of the day on scene and has determined that the fire originated in the back of the structure. At this time the cause remains undetermined.

A photograph of the incident is included on the following page.

