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One Person Burned in Garage Fire, Firefighters Protect Neighboring Structures

A Tualatin man is recovering from burns this evening after a fire broke out in his garage while he worked on his pickup truck. Someone called 9-1-1 at 4:26 pm reporting that a garage was on fire at the Rolling Hills Apartments located at 19355 SW 65th Avenue in Tualatin.

Firefighters from TVF&R's Tualatin Station 34 arrived five minutes later to find the garage fully involved and flames threatening neighboring garages. Luckily, the garages are separated from nearby residences. Firefighters mounted an offensive attack and worked to battle the fire. Firefighters also worked to treat a man at the scene who suffered burns from the fire.

The man told firefighters he had been replacing the fuel filter in his garage when gasoline dripped onto a work-light, causing the bulb to shatter and ignite the gas. The man was burned as he escaped from beneath the truck. He was transported by Metro West Ambulance to Legacy Meridian Park Hospital.

Firefighters successfully protected neighboring garages and were able to limit the damage to the garage where the fire originated. TVF&R investigators have estimated property damage at \$30,000.

