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Quick Fire Response Saves Homes in Tigard and Tualatin

A quick response by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue firefighters saved two homes Sunday and early Monday morning. No-one was injured, but a fire in Tualatin would have been much more damaging if firefighters hadn't been blocks away when the fire was reported.

The first fire broke out in a garage in Tigard at 15960 SW Oakmeadow Lane at 2:17 p.m. Sunday afternoon. A passerby called 911 reporting smoke coming from the eaves of the home's garage. Firefighters from TVF&R's Tigard Station 51 and King City Station 35 arrived less than five minutes later to find heavy flames in the homes garage and most of the home charged with smoke. Firefighters quickly determined that no-one was home and knocked down the flames.

Twelve hours later a resident at 9098 SW Raritan Court in Tualatin awoke to the smell of smoke at 2:36 a.m. and quickly evacuated her children before calling 911. Firefighters from Tualatin's Station 34 happened to be in the neighborhood after responding to a medical call nearby and immediately responded to the address. The crew was on-scene and pulling hose to fight the fire less than 3 minutes after the resident called 911. Firefighters arrived to find flames coming from the roof of the home near the chimney. They quickly extinguished the flames and ventilated the home's roof to ensure that the fire did not spread throughout the attic space.

"It's a good thing we were able to get their so quickly," says TVF&R Station 34 Captain Case Brown, "fires that have gotten into the roof spread very quickly and every second counts. We're glad we were able to save the home and that no-one got hurt."

A TVF&R investigator is working to determine the cause of both fires.