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TVF&R Responds to Two House Fires in Three Hours

TVF&R firefighters in Beaverton and Tigard were busy this morning responding to two house fires in three hours. The first fire occurred at 11865 SW 5th Avenue in Beaverton. A neighbor called 911 at 8:42 a.m. reporting smoke coming from her neighbor's duplex unit. She said that her lights were flickering and she could smell smoke. As the neighbor spoke with 911 dispatchers, her brother worked to bang on the door and see if anyone was home.

Firefighters from TVF&R's Beaverton Station 67 arrived less than five minutes later to find smoke coming from the back of the duplex and neighbors evacuated from the building. Firefighters quickly entered the house, looked for anyone inside and extinguished the fire as additional resources arrived at the scene. Another crew of firefighters climbed to the building's roof to ensure that the fire didn't spread to adjacent units.

No-one was home at the time of the fire and there were no injuries. The fire caused extensive damage to the home's kitchen and the rest of the unit suffers from smoke and heat damage. The family who lives in the home is displaced and staying with relatives.

Three hours later, at 11:45 am, another fire was reported at 10210 SW Brookside Place in Tigard. A relative of a resident at that address called 911 to report smoke and flames in the home's living room. Firefighters from TVF&R's Tigard Station 51 arrived within five minutes, quickly made entry into the home and extinguished the fire. No-one was injured.

Fire investigators from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue are investigating the causes of both fires.