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Firefighters Battle One-Alarm House Fire

At 1:34 am this morning Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue crews were called to a house fire at 22420 SW Grahams Ferry Road. When crews arrived they found heavy flames spreading up the exterior of the home and windows breaking on the second-story. Cars parked in the driveway also led crews to fear that the home's occupants might still be inside.

As one crew concentrated on extinguishing the exterior fire being fed by a natural gas line, multiple crews entered the home to search for occupants and battle active fire in the garage, first and second floors, and attic space of the home. A search of the home confirmed that there were no occupants inside the home, with the exception of the family's dog that did not survive. Although firefighters quickly extinguished the fire inside the garage and home, the older home's lath-and-plaster interior and remodeled roofline made accessing the attic space challenging. The roof was cut open and multiple crews spent almost an hour removing significant portions of the second-floor ceilings to extinguish numerous pockets of fire in the attic space. Several crews remain on scene at this hour, conducting overhaul operations to ensure there are no hidden spot fires that could flare-up later this morning.

The fire remains under investigation and there is no damage estimate at this time. The one-alarm fire brought eight units to the scene, for a total of 24 firefighters and two battalion chiefs.

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