



News Release

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Tigard Attic Fire Extinguished

At 5:10 this evening, several callers to 911 reported smoke coming from the roof of a home located at 12435 SW Knoll Drive in Tigard. The smoke was visible to the evening commute on Highway 217.

Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue arrived to find that heavy fire in an attached garage had spread into the attic of the home. The incident commander ordered a search of the house while other personnel initiated an aggressive attack on the fire. Firefighters used chainsaws to vent the roof to release heat and provide ready access to the flames. The blaze was controlled in approximately 15 minutes.

The residents of the home - a family of five - were away when the fire started. They are staying with relatives in Tigard this evening.

Quick action by firefighters largely contained the damage to the garage and attic. The rest of the home was primarily impacted by smoke.

A TVF&R fire investigator is on scene. There is no information on the cause of the fire or an estimate of the dollar loss at this time.



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