



## News Release

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### **Firefighters Battle House Fire; Provide Medical Care to Patients at the Scene**

At 12:49 pm, TVF&R firefighters were dispatched to a house fire at 10060 S.W. Tigard Street in Tigard. Neighbors calling the 9-1-1 center reported heavy flames and black smoke coming from the upper stories and roof of the home. Firefighters from the downtown Tigard fire station, who were on scene within four minutes of dispatch, confirmed heavy black smoke and flames from the rear of the residence. Firefighters encountered several occupants who stated that everyone had escaped from the home safely. Despite that information, firefighters conducted an interior search of the residence to verify that there were no victims still inside. Shortly after completing their search, firefighters received what they deemed to be credible information that the residence was associated with the use, or possible manufacturing of Methamphetamine. This information, along with the heavy volume of fire throughout the structure, prompted the incident commander to order a defensive (exterior) fire attack.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within 20 minutes of their arrival.

During the initial course of their investigation, TVF&R fire investigators learned that three residents of the home jumped to safety from the second floor of the residence. It was reported by the residents that the smoke and fire was too heavy to escape through the interior of the home, causing them to escape from a second story bedroom window. One of the residents, who suffers from a medical condition, had to be helped out of the window by other occupants of the home. Another resident suffered a minor injury as the result of jumping from the window, and was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

TVF&R fire investigators, assisted by Tigard Police Department remain on scene and are working to determine the cause of the fire. The house is considered a total loss; no damage estimate is



available at this time. The American Red Cross has been called in to assist the homeowner with temporary housing placement.

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