



## News Release

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### **FIREFIGHTERS QUICK ACTION LIMITS BEAVERTON APARTMENT FIRE DAMAGE**

Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Portland Fire responded at 11:36 AM to a reported fire at the Canyon Park Apartments, 4200 SW 107th in Beaverton. On arrival, crews reported active fire coming from a second floor unit in a three-story, six unit building. The blaze had blown out a window, ignited the exterior siding, and traveled upwards into the unit above it.

Firefighters initiated an aggressive fire attack and began searching for possible victims. All six units were searched and no one was found.

While damage to the unit where the fire started was extensive, quick action by firefighters resulted in very little fire damage on the interior of the third story apartment. The unit below the burned unit sustained smoke and water damage. The other three adjacent apartments were undamaged.

The heavily damaged apartment was home to a family of four. They were away at church at the time of the blaze. Two other residents were also displaced. The Red Cross responded and assisted those displaced by the fire.

Working smoke alarms played a role in the safe evacuation of the building. Firefighters reported hearing alarms going off in multiple units when they arrived. TVF&R recommends that all alarms be tested at least once a year. Batteries (other than long-life type) should be replaced annually, and alarms should be replaced every 10 years to ensure proper working condition.

Investigation of the fire is underway. No determination of cause or estimate of damage is available at this time.



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