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Early Morning Fire in Aloha Injures Three People

A family of three has been devastated by a second-alarm fire in Aloha this morning. At 4:48am frantic callers to 9-1-1 reported smoke and heavy flames coming from a three-story town home located at 3159 SW Jaden Drive. The sounds of screams could be heard in the background as callers described the burning, three story town home with known occupants trapped inside.

Prior to firefighters' arrival, an attempt had been made by a Washington County Sherriff's deputy and neighbor to reach the trapped occupants with a ladder, but smoke and fire conditions proved too dangerous. A crew of firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Aloha station was the first to arrive on scene within four minutes of being dispatched. They immediately began rescue operations and brought an adult female down a ladder from the third floor. At the same time that the Aloha crew was providing medical treatment to the adult female, firefighters from Beaverton Station 67 began to attack the fire and search for other occupants on the first and second floors. Firefighters from Hillsboro Fire Department's Engine 2 and TVF&R Station 67 found an 11-year-old boy in a second-story hallway and brought him out the front door. Moments later, firefighters searching the third floor found an adult male and brought him out a third-story window.

All three were treated on scene by paramedics from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Metro West Ambulance. CPR was administered to both males (father and son) prior to being transported by Metro West Ambulance to Legacy Emmanuel Hospital. The adult female (mother) was transported to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Because of the rapid response time, aggressive firefighting efforts and the presence of a fire wall, the fire did not spread to the adjacent town home. Most of the damage to the fire unit occurred on the first-floor garage where it is believed the fire started. Fire extended to the second floor and heavy smoke permeated every level of the affected town home. Though the fire was extinguished within twenty minutes, hot spots remained for hours after the fire started. Fire investigators remain on scene examining material evidence and burn patterns to determine the exact cause of the fire. There is no damage estimate at this time.

Please visit tvfr.com for safety tips about home fire escape planning.

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