



Yakima Fire Department



News Release

Subject: May 8th Structure Fires

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Structure Fires Result in Three Injuries

Three injuries and damages estimated at \$250,000 resulted from two structure fires in less than three hours on Saturday, May 8th.

At 3:17 pm yesterday, Saturday, Yakima Fire Department (YFD) firefighters were dispatched to the 900 block of South 25th Avenue, for a single-family residence with fire at the front of the house and in the attic.

YFD crews assisted one of the occupants who was transported to the hospital in stable condition with smoke inhalation and lacerations. The occupant had gone back into the house for a cat. The man broke out a window and was able to jump out of the house.

One firefighter was taken to the hospital with a minor knee injury. He was treated and released.

The cat was found in the building and brought outside. Firefighters gave him oxygen using a pet O2 mask. The cat was taken to an emergency veterinarian clinic where he is recovering.

The Red Cross was called to assist the occupants.

Damage to the structure was extensive. The initial estimated loss is \$150,000.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Prior to the South 25th Avenue fire, YFD was called to the 4100 block of Prash Avenue at 12:23 pm yesterday for a single-family residence with a large amount of fire coming from the attic area.

One firefighter responding to the fire had debris in his eye and was treated on scene. There were no other injuries.

Crews contained the fire to the attic, however there was extensive damage throughout the structure. The initial estimated loss is \$100,000. Two adults, one juvenile and three dogs are being assisted by Red Cross.

The Prash Avenue fire was caused by discarded smoking material in combustible potting soil. The fire was first noticed by someone passing by, who ran to the house and knocked on the door to alert the occupants.

The West Valley Fire Department assisted at the scene of the Prash Avenue fire.

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