

Yakima Fire Department





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Yakima Fire Department (YFD) crews responded to two structure fires in a span of about six hours yesterday, Sunday, September 29th.

One of the fires yesterday, reported at 5:06 pm, involved a garage in the 200 block of North 84th Avenue.

A paramedic unit treated the homeowner for smoke inhalation and minor burns. He was later transported to a local hospital and released.

The fire destroyed the garage and all of its contents. Several vehicles were destroyed or damaged by heat and direct flames. The estimated dollar loss is \$150,000.

The cause of the fire is believed to be electrical in nature.

The garage was attached to a house, which was not damaged. YFD Shift Commander Mitch Cole credited aggressive firefighting along with modern building codes and construction methods for keeping the fire from going into the living space of the home.

The West Valley Fire Department and the Yakima Training Center Fire Department assisted.

At 10:47 am yesterday, Sunday, YFD was called to a fire in the 1400 block of Browne Avenue. Firefighters found smoke coming from the roof line of a three-story home. The fire was located in a third-floor bedroom used for storage.

One person was in the house when the fire was discovered and was able to escape without injury after someone passing by alerted her to the fire.

The homeowner and a renter were displaced by the fire. The Red Cross was called to render assistance.

The estimated dollar loss is \$20,000. It is believed the cause may have involved a baseboard heater in the area where the fire began.

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