



LACEY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

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Subject: Residential structure fire; 4543 19th Avenue SE

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At 0109 on Tuesday, February 23rd, District three units were dispatched to the report of a residential structure fire at 4543 19th Avenue SE in Lacey. Dispatch received multiple calls from neighbors, stating that they could see flames on the outside of the house. Upon arrival, District 3 crews encountered heavy fire in the back of the residence and initiated attack while simultaneously searching for occupants. The fire was knocked down and under control in less than 10 minutes after arrival. District three personnel were assisted by Engine 03 from the Olympia Fire Department. There were no injuries to residents or fire service personnel.

The preliminary fire investigation indicates that this fire was likely caused by a compressor that had been left plugged in and intermittently running, on the back side of the house. Total dollar loss is estimated at approximately \$60,000 and the family will not be able to return to the structure until significant repairs and cleanup have been completed.