



Thurston County Fire Districts 3

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Detached shed catches fire, spreads to home.

A motorist passing by a residence in the 6800 block of Mullen Road called 911 after observing smoke and discovering a growing fire that threatened a home. Three engine companies, a command unit, Aid Unit and Medic unit responded with 16 Fire fighters from Lacey Fire District to the residence just before 11 this morning. An engine from Olympia Fire Department responded via Automatic Aid but was cancelled at the scene. A 10' x 24' shed that was immediately adjacent to a home was found fully involved and spreading to the home. Fire fighters extinguished the fire in the eaves of the unoccupied residence and quickly put out the storage shed that was loaded with possessions and belongings.

Had the passing motorist not discovered and reported the fire early in its development, the damage and loss would have been much more significant. Mullen Road was shut down and a detour created for a short period of time by Thurston County Sherriff's Deputies. Loss is estimated at nearly \$35,000, due to the value of the contents of the shed and fire damage to the buildings.

The cause of the fire has been traced back to an infra-red heat lamp that had been used to keep the families dogs warm while they slept. The two dogs escaped unharmed and no fire fighters were injured during the incident. The loss was insured and homeowners are still able to live in the residence.



