



# LACEY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

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## -PRESS RELEASE-

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Subject: “Lacey Fire District responds to early morning house fire”

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Lacey Fire District Three units responded to an early morning house fire in the 7700 block of Rushmore Avenue NE, in the Edgewater subdivision near Jubilee. The fire was first reported by a neighbor who was waiting with her daughter at a nearby school bus stop when she heard the smoke alarm sounding and saw smoke from a front window of the home. The occupants of the house were not home at the time of the fire.

Fire District representatives report that Firefighters encountered heavy smoke inside the home but had the fire knocked-down within fifteen minutes of the initial call to 9-1-1. The fire originated in the kitchen area on the first floor and the cause remains under investigation. Damage to the home and its contents are estimated at nearly 200,000 dollars.

While searching the home for occupants, Firefighters found a family dog unresponsive in a closet on the second floor and started CPR and Oxygen therapy on the scene. After reviving the dog, it was transported by Fire District command vehicle to a local Emergency Veterinary clinic where it later succumbed to its injuries.

Even though no one was home at the time of the fire, Lacey Fire District Three officials credit working smoke alarms for the early detection and extinguishment of today’s fire. “Detectors are essential in ensuring the early detection of fires, especially in dense urban centers where the risk of fires spreading to nearby homes is greatly increased.” Fire officials remind citizens that a properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the one item in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day.

Residents who do not have a working smoke detector and can’t afford to buy one can pick one up at Lacey Fire District Three’s headquarters station, located at 1231 Franz St SE in Lacey. For general fire and life safety bulletins and information about Lacey Fire District Three, please visit: <http://laceyfire.com>.