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Multiple House Fires

DALLAS, Oregon (July 6th, 2023)

On Wednesday, July 5th 2023 at approximately 10:47am, Crews were dispatched to the area of NW Denton Ave/NW Douglas St for a report of smoke. The call was rapidly upgraded to a house fire. The fire was located at 675 NW Denton Ave. Crews arrived to find a single story home with a daylight basement and an ADU (accessory dwelling unit) that had heavy fire and smoke showing. Initial arriving units attempted to make an aggressive interior attack of the fire, but due to heavy fire conditions and extent of the fire, crews were removed from the building and extinguishment operations commenced from the exterior of the home. There was minor damage to surrounding properties due to the extreme heat of the fire. 5 residents, 2 dogs and a turtle were displaced by the fire. Red Cross is working with the family. There were no civilian injuries, 1 firefighter was transported from the fire scene with a heat related illness, but has since been discharged from the hospital.

Later on Wednesday July 5th, while firefighters were heavily engaged with the Denton Ave fire, a second fire was located at 1170 SE Jefferson St. at approximately 12:09pm. Crews working the Denton Ave. fire were released to respond to this second incident.

Arriving crews found a 2 story residence with heavy fire showing on the exterior of the home. Crews began an aggressive exterior attack then moving to the interior of the home to limit damage to the remainder of the residence. Dallas Fire and EMS credits a private citizen, Alex Davis, for saving multiple structures in the area due to his quick actions. Alex happened to be driving by in his private fire engine and quickly realized what needed to be done and made it happen. We want to personally thank him for his efforts. Crews worked diligently and saved a majority of the house. 3 residents were displaced by the fire and they are working with the Red Cross. There were no civilian injuries. 1 firefighter was transported to the hospital with a heat related illness, but has since been discharged.

We would like to thank our neighboring fire agencies and other city departments for all of their help with these critical incidents. Some of the agencies are listed below:

Polk County Fire District #1
SW Polk Fire District
Salem Fire Department
Falls City Fire Department
City of Dallas Police Department
City of Dallas Public Works
Alex Davis (Private Contractor)
Keizer Fire District
Chemeketa College Fire Program
Polk County Sheriff's Office















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