

News Release

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3-Alarm Apartment Fire

Clark County Fire District 6 responded to a 2-alarm fire at the Rolling Creek Apartments, 7301 NE 13th Ave., at 2:30pm today. At 3:00pm, the fire was upgraded to a 3-alarm. The Clark County Fire Marshal investigating the fire says that it started in the bedroom of one of the downstairs apartments in building F. This building has 24 units, of which 20 were damaged by fire. Firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to the remaining four apartments, but they still suffered heavy smoke damage. None of the 24 apartments are inhabitable right now. The Red Cross did respond to the scene and registered 56 displaced people in need of assistance. The Red Cross did setup a shelter at a local church, but only 4 of the 56 will stay there tonight. The Humane Society for Southwest Washington offered to shelter displaced pets but that was not needed.

There were two people transported by AMR ambulance to area hospitals; one person for chest pains and a firefighter with Clark County Fire District 6 was taken to Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital for a minor back injury. That injured firefighter has been released from the hospital and is doing okay.

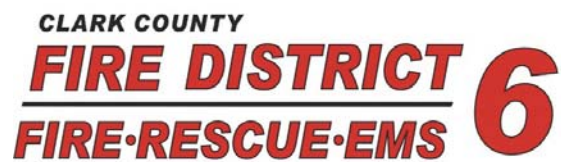
Fire District 6 was assisted by crews from Vancouver, Clark County Fire & Rescue and Woodland Fire. In total, more than 50 firefighters responded. It took three hours before the fire was deemed under control, and crews were expected to remain on scene much of tonight. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, and there is no damage estimate at this time. The apartment building does not have sprinklers.

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