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## **Apartment Fire Displaces Four Families**

**SeaTac, Wash. - November 25, 2015-** Four families were displaced this afternoon after a fire started on the first floor of a two-story apartment building.

The first calls to 9-1-1 at 1:00 pm reported that a "whole apartment was on fire" in the 20800 block of 31 Lane S. The first arriving fire units found smoke and flames coming from a first floor window and that everyone had evacuated the building safely. A second alarm, bringing in additional firefighters, was requested to fight the fire.

After knocking down the flames from the outside, crews moved into the building to fight the fire that had spread into the common stairwell and into an upstairs apartment. In all, four apartments, the stairwell, and the attic space all suffered heavy fire, heat, and smoke damage. None of the apartments is habitable.

Red Cross was brought in to assist the families who had lost everything the day before Thanksgiving.

The fire was caused by an electrical failure in wiring leading to an appliance in a bedroom and is considered accidental.

The Kent Regional Fire Authority was supported at this fire by the Burien Fire Department, South King Fire and Rescue, the Tukwila Fire Department, the Port of Seattle, the Zone 3 Fire Explorers, and Medic One.







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