



# NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 15, 2023

### CONTACT

Rachael Doniger, public information officer, (425) 512-3758, media line (425) 754-0443

## Everett Firefighters quickly extinguish Saturday morning residential fire

Everett Fire recommends having a fire escape plan for you and your family

EVERETT, WA – Just after 2:15 a.m. Saturday morning, Everett Fire was dispatched to a report of a house fire in the 5000 block of 27<sup>th</sup> Ave W, off Mukilteo Blvd. in the Boulevard Bluffs neighborhood.

The homeowner called 911 and stated they had a kitchen fire in their residence, which was spreading. Engine 4 was the first to arrive on the scene to find heavy black smoke coming from the residence. Fire crews quickly extinguished the fire, preventing it from spreading throughout the home.

All occupants of the home self-evacuated. There were no injuries to the residents or firefighters.

Thank you to Mukilteo Fire Department for their mutual aid assistance.

It is believed the cause of the fire was related to an electrical issue involving the microwave.

Everett Fire encourages all our residents to have a fire escape plan in place for you and your household. “Your ability to leave your home during a fire depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and planning,” states Kurtis Brown, Fire Marshal with the Everett Fire Department. “Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds.”

Bring your family together and prepare a fire escape plan for your home. Make sure all members know the plan and practice the plan so your family knows what to do in case of a fire. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Have working smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home.

- Identify two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- Teach your children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you evacuate. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home (tree, mailbox, light pole).
- Call 911 once you have safely evacuated your home. Make sure your family members know their home address, including apartment or unit number, if that applies.
- Once evacuated, never go back into a burning home.

Resources and more information to help you create a [fire escape plan](#) for your home can be found on the [National Fire Protection Association website \(nfpa.org\)](#).

The Everett Fire Department, in cooperation with the American Red Cross of Snohomish County, will install smoke alarms, free of charge, in the homes of low-income, seniors and those with disabilities. If you need assistance and live in the Everett city limits, contact the Everett Fire Marshal's Office at 425-257-8100 or email at [FMO@everettwa.gov](mailto:FMO@everettwa.gov).

###