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Fire at Home Displaced Two

Firefighters from Forest Grove Fire & Rescue (FGF&R) responded to a reported house fire at 606 Sky Lane shortly before 1:00pm July 29th. Reports from dispatchers was a citizen driving by noticed smoke coming from the eaves of the house and that appeared no one was home. Crews arrived shortly later to find a two-story house with light white smoke coming from the eaves and roof line of the house. Fire crews entered the structure and found minimal smoke conditions, at the same time; the residents of the home arrived and verified that there were no occupants in the house. Fire crews were able to find the fire which was located in the wall of the laundry room as well as in the attic. Fire crews were able knock down the fire in approximately 15 minutes, in the process, crews had to take out a window and cut a hole in the roof to help dissipate smoke and heat.

Crews remained on scene for approximately two hours putting out hot spots and investigating the fire. It was found the fire started behind the dryer in the laundry room near the electrical outlet, the fire is estimated to have cause \$55,000 in damage. FGF&R was assisted on scene by Cornelius Fire Department and Banks Fire District. Occupants of the house are being assisted by the American Red Cross with alternative living arrangements and supplies. Even though residents weren't at home when the fire occurred, smoke alarms were heard while on scene and FGF&R want to remind everyone to test their smoke alarms monthly to ensure proper use.

Responding Information:

4 Engines, 1 Brush Rig, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Chief, 1 Investigator/PIO
23 Total Personnel

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