



# Columbia River Fire & Rescue

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## Press Release – House Fire

Saturday morning at 10:19 am firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 100 block of Little Street in St. Helens. Upon arrival firefighters found a 2 story home fully involved in fire threatening neighboring homes. The fire was too involved for an offensive interior fire attack leaving crews to fight the fire from defensive positions and keep the fire from spreading to 4 other structures. Crews were unable to make entry into the fire weakened building.

The single occupant of the home was at work at the time of the fire and there were no injuries. There was minor damage to several nearby homes including damaged windows, melted vinyl siding, burned fences, water damage and various other backyard belongings were damage.

The fire is under investigation and the structure is a total loss. Scappoose Fire, St. Helens Police and Columbia River PUD also assisted at the scene. Firefighters were on scene until nearly 5:30 pm extinguishing hot spots.

At 10:24 pm Saturday night firefighters were called back to the fire scene for a rekindle of the same fire from earlier in the day. On arrival firefighters found flames coming from the roof of the previously burned structure. Crews were on scene for nearly 2 hours extinguishing the rekindled blaze. The fire had rekindled in a room that firefighters were unable to access earlier that day due to safety concerns.





Photo credit to St. Helens Resident and neighbor Mike Graham

- 4 Engines
- 1 Rescue
- 1 Medic
- 1 Utility
- 2 Chiefs
- 18 Firefighters

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