

**ROSEBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / House Fire / 1305 SE Cobb
St., Roseburg, OR**

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Monday Morning House Fire at 1305 SE Cobb St.

Firefighters were called to an early morning house fire at 1305 SE Cobb St. this morning at 5:00 AM. The fire started in an unoccupied apartment addition to the house, but another resident, who was awake at the time, was alerted to the fire when smoke began pouring out of his central heating supply duct. The resident called 911 and evacuated the other occupants prior to firefighter arrival.

The fire, which appears to have smoldered for a while prior to bursting into flames, was rapidly brought under control by responding Roseburg Fire Department personnel. Other agencies which assisted in suppression efforts included Roseburg Police Department, Douglas County Fire District No. 2, Avista Utilities and Pacific Power and Light.

Although no one was injured in the fire, the apartment addition received significant smoke and structural damage. There were no smoke detectors inside the apartment, so if it would have been occupied at the time of the fire, the resident probably would not have been awakened.

Fire investigators determined the fire was most likely caused by a failure in the electrical system, possibly by a bathroom exhaust fan which was left on for a long period of time.

The Roseburg Fire Department would like to remind everyone to shut off appliances and fixtures when not in use, and also to install smoke detectors throughout all living spaces. A properly installed and operating smoke detector can alert residents to the presence of a fire in time to get to safety, and may mean the difference between life and death.

For more information regarding this fire, smoke detectors, or fire safety in general, please contact the Roseburg Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau at (541) 492-6770 or email us at fireprevention@cityofroseburg.org.

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