

Clallam County Fire District 3

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PRESS RELEASE 10/22/2024- Third Avenue Structure Fire

On Saturday morning, October 19, at 2:06 am, PenCom dispatched Clallam County Fire District #3 to a reported structure fire at 1301 South Third Avenue in Sequim. Dispatch relayed they were receiving multiple 911 calls and there were occupants possibly trapped.

Sequim station units arrived first on scene to a 1-story residential wood frame quad plex. The 200'x36' structure was broken into 4 residences, each separated by an enclosed carport.

Crews found one of the enclosed carports completely engulfed in fire along with a 4 door passenger vehicle. The fire had extended into the attic and the living space of the residence to the east. It had also extended into the attic of the residence to the west.

Initial attack lines were deployed to the carport and then to the residences involved. Primary searches were conducted of all units and 2 live cats were removed. No victims found during their searches and no injuries to residents noted.

Two Sequim Police Department Officers assisted with making a water supply connection to the nearby hydrant.

A crew was sent to the roof for ventilation and was able to use various tactics to stop the fast moving attic fire and protect the other units of the building farther down.

Crews pulled ceiling in all units and used approximately 8,163 gallons of water to finally extinguish the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

A total of 5 residents were displaced and assisted by the Red Cross to find accommodation.

The Fire District responded with three (3) structural engines, one (1) medic unit, (1) rehab unit, two volunteers, and one (1) command vehicle.

Clallam Fire District #2 provided mutual aid with one (1) engine. Port Angeles Fire Department provided mutual aid with one (1) command unit. Olympic Ambulance provided one (1) ambulance. Sequim Police Department assisted with two officers.

For any questions, please contact BC Anderson at sanderson@ccfd3.org



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