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### **Long Duration Defensive Fire Leads to Total Loss**

**Sequim, WA** — On Wednesday, July 10th, at approximately 3:00 PM, Clallam County Fire District #3 (CCFD3) responded to a brush fire reported by PenComm. En route to the scene, the incident was escalated to a structural fire. Upon arrival at the corrected address, Battalion Chief 304 confirmed a fully involved fire in a two-story single-family residence.

After a thorough assessment of the structure, command was established, and suppression units began arriving. All available career units were deployed to the incident, prompting a call for volunteers to report to their assigned stations. Mutual aid was requested from Clallam County Fire District 2, whose units were stationed at Fire Station 34 to handle 911 responses for both Fire Districts.

The residence at 564 Cascade View Dr. was unoccupied at the time of the fire. A resident in the Diamond Point area, who spotted the fire through a telescope, made the initial 911 call. CCFD3 crews prepared for a defensive strategy, deploying multiple hose lines to combat the flames. Due to the structural instability and confirmation from a neighbor that the homeowner was not present, no search was conducted inside the residence.

Three water tenders, each with a capacity of up to 3,000 gallons, were utilized to establish a continuous water supply as the area lacked hydrants. Crews positioned themselves outside the collapse zone, using large-diameter hose lines to contain the fire. Several structural collapses occurred, including one exterior wall collapsing onto a classic car.

During the operation, a brush fire near the home was reported. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) responded with a team and coordinated with CCFD3 to extinguish the brush fire quickly. As the situation came under control, ALS units were demobilized, mutual aid partners from CCFD2 were released, and volunteers returned home. The area was monitored overnight and the next day to prevent reignition.

A firefighter on the scene reported and was treated for one minor burn injury. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Responding units included Engine-34, E33, E37, Water Tender-33, WT-37, WT-33, and Olympic Ambulance, supported by multiple volunteers and Battalion Chief 304, totaling 23 personnel. DNR contributed an additional 11 personnel for the brush fire response.



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