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Smoke Detector Alert's Residents Before Wind Driven Fire Destroys Dungeness Home.

On Sunday, July 07, 2023 at 2:36 pm, Clallam County Fire District #3 was dispatched by PenCom Dispatch Center to 300 Thornton Drive for a residential structure fire.

Engine 33 arrived 10 minutes later to a well involved fire, over 50% of the two-story structure, fueled by high Westerly winds, spread rapidly to the remaining half of the building. All residents, who were inside when the fire alarm sounded, were able to exit the structure with minor injuries, from scrapes to singed hair.

A total of 24 firefighters participated in the firefight, supported by four Fire Engines, four water Tenders, a Rehab Unit, one Basic Life Support Ambulance from Olympic Ambulance, and a Battalion Chief. Clallam County Fire & Rescue District 2 provided mutual aid support with a Fire Engine, a water Tender, and an Assistant Chief. East Jefferson Fire & Rescue provided mutual aid support by staffing the Blyn fire station on the Eastern end of the fire district.

The owner stated that he was alerted to the fire by a smoke detector activation in the basement, and when he went to investigate, was met by a 6' flame climbing towards the ceiling. He then proceeded to get his family out of the building and called 911.

Clallam County PUD arrived and secured power to the residence.

No firefighter injuries were reported during this emergency. CCFD#3 wants to remind the community that smoke detectors provide early notification of smoke and fire when properly installed and maintained. This fire is currently under investigation. For current smoke detector recommended best practices please visit our website at ccfd3.org.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Chris Turner at (360) 683-4242. Ext. 132.

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