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## Multiple Fires Stress Resources Prior to Grand Parade

SEQUIM, WA—Clallam County Fire District #3 (CCFD3) faced significant challenges as it battled two structure fires on May 10 and 11, 2024. The fires strained resources just before the much-anticipated Irrigation Festival Grand Parade.

The first incident occurred shortly before 5:00 pm on May 10 at a residence located at 4041 Sequim-Dungeness Way. Alerted by a bystander, CCFD3 units were dispatched to the scene, where they encountered a single-story manufactured home emitting moderate smoke from its eaves and roof. Upon arrival, CCFD3 teams initiated an offensive strategy, deploying multiple hose lines to combat the blaze. After confirming the absence of occupants through a primary search, the operation shifted to a defensive approach due to significant structural concerns, including a sagging roof. Firefighting crews managed to suppress the flames from the outside and later re-entered the building to safely retrieve personal items for the homeowner. The area was monitored throughout the night, ensuring no resurgence of fire. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Responding units included Engines 34 and 33, Water Tenders 33 and 37, Squad 34, Aide 34, Rescue 34, and Olympic Ambulance, supported by multiple volunteers and Battalion Chief 304, totaling 18 personnel.

Early the next morning, at approximately 6:00 am, a fire was reported at 42 McComb Lane. Residents noticed heavy smoke emanating from a garage with an apartment above it. CCFD3 swiftly responded, executing fire suppression efforts and a primary search of the residential unit. Teams worked on ventilating the structure, which significantly improved visibility and facilitated the rapid control of the fire within 40 minutes. Like the first incident, this fire is also under investigation and no injuries were reported. The emergency response included Engines 33 and 34, Water Tenders 34, 37, and 33, Medic 34A, Olympic Ambulance, several volunteers, and Battalion Chief 304, with 19 personnel arriving at the scene.



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These back-to-back fires and additional emergencies tested the readiness and resilience of CCFD3, highlighting the community's mix of career and volunteer response mechanisms and the critical role of its firefighters. As investigations continue, the district remains vigilant and prepared for any additional incidents, especially with the upcoming local festivities.



(Sequim-Dungeness Incident)



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