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West Washington RV Fire

On Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 12:22am, PenCom dispatched Clallam County Fire District #3 to a reported structure fire at 740 West Washington in Sequim.

A Battalion Chief, Engine 34, and Medic 34 Alpha were on scene less than 5 minutes from being dispatched. They arrived to a 34' Bounder RV with light smoke showing by the door. A 38 year old male was being tended to by Sequim PD with burn injuries to his legs and a 37 year old female was coming down a ladder out of a back window of the RV.

It was confirmed all people were out of the RV that was used as a primary residence.

A neighbor was using a garden hose to extinguish the fire and Engine 34 crews took over fire attack and made final extinguishment. Fire was contained to the exterior of the RV and did not extend inside.

Medic 34 Alpha tended to the injured male and he was transported to Olympic Medical Center for 2nd degree burns to both legs. He was later taken to Harborview Medical Center for further care.

Engine 33 from Carlsborg arrived and evaluated the female and 4 minors (ranging from 9-12 years old) who all were deemed uninjured and denied further medical care.

The husband and wife had been inside the RV with the 4 children as well as several dogs at the time of the fire. Upon investigation, the occupant admits to smoking a cigarette inside the RV and flicking ashes outside the window where cardboard boxes and trash had been piled up below. Approximately 30 minutes after smoking, the fire was noted to the outside of the RV. The male opened the door and attempted to attack the fire while the rest of the residents and animals escaped from a rear window.

5 residents are displaced and will be staying with family.

The likely cause of the fire is combustible materials ignited from improperly discarding smoking materials. Improper disposal of smoking materials is the leading cause of structure fires in the United States. CCFD#3 would like to remind people if they chose to smoke to fully extinguish their smoking materials and get rid of them properly.



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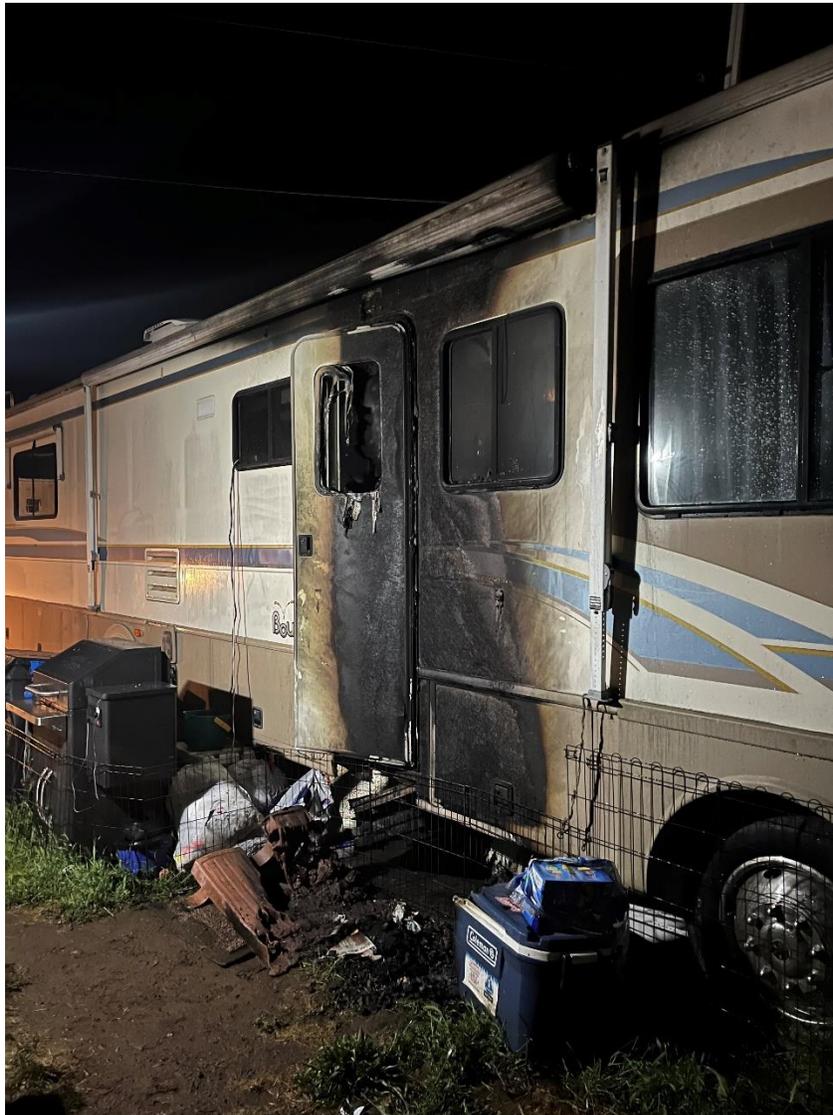
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The Fire District responded with three (3) structural engines, one (1) medic unit, several volunteers, and one (1) command vehicle. Olympic Ambulance responded with one (1) ambulance. Sequim Police responded with four (4) officers.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Stefanie Anderson at (360) 683-4242.



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