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Explosions wake neighbors in fully involved house fire

[Monroe, WA] – Firefighters were dispatched at 9:23 pm to a confirmed fully involved house fire with explosions at the 25200 block of Cromwell Road outside the City of Monroe. After seeing flames coming from the back of the home, a neighbor ran over to make sure everyone was out of the house.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find the back addition of the home well involved and heard a small explosion. Additional explosions were reported before crews arrived. The fire was starting to spread to the main part of the home.

Crews worked to control the fire and keep it from spreading

further. Ladder 33 performed vertical ventilation of the main section of the home. Additional crews performed searches to ensure all residents were out of the house. The homeowners were able to get out before crews arrived.

There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. The home sustained extensive damage. The Snohomish County Fire Marshal is investigating what caused the fire to start.

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On January 1, 2020 Lake Stevens Fire and Snohomish County Fire District 7 merged agencies. The new district serves over 162,000 people over 140 square miles and is dedicated to saving lives, protecting property, and taking care of people in a fiscally responsible manner. We serve the cities of Lake Stevens, Mill Creek, and Monroe along with the unincorporated areas surrounding these communities. In 2019, our emergency personnel responded to more than 17,000 emergency calls. Through community support, we have built one of the most advanced emergency response systems in Snohomish County with highly-trained personnel, facilities, apparatus, and progressive rescue programs. We appreciate your support and are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community.

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