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Monroe Fire Displaces Family, Sends One to Hospital

(Monroe, WA) At 5:38 AM this morning, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched to the 13800 block of Chain Lake Drive in Monroe after reports of a fire rapidly spreading on the back side of a home.

Three occupants, two adults and one child, began evacuating when the fire was discovered, but it was quickly realized that one person remained inside. As the fire intensified, conditions inside the home deteriorated and the remaining occupant became trapped in an upstairs room.

A neighbor quickly ran over with a ladder and placed it against a second-story window, allowing the trapped occupant to escape.

When fire crews arrived, they found the victim outside being assisted by law enforcement and neighbors. The occupant suffered smoke inhalation and cuts from broken glass during the escape and was transported to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle for treatment.

Firefighters arrived within five minutes and immediately began patient care while deploying attack lines for an offensive fire attack. Crews established a water supply from a hydrant approximately 200 feet away, and continuous water flow from handlines and Ladder 33 helped bring the fire under control within 40 minutes.

Due to the close proximity of neighboring homes (exposures), crews evacuated nearby residences and closely monitored the structures to prevent the fire from spreading.

Chain Lake Road was closed during the incident, and schools and transportation services were notified of the disruption.

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office responded and began their initial investigation. The homeowner reported that an electric blanket had been used on a covered patio to keep cats warm in the area where the fire is believed to have started. The official cause of the fire will be determined following a full investigation.

The American Red Cross responded to assist the displaced family. The home sustained significant fire damage.

We thank Snohomish County Fire District 4 and Snohomish County Fire District 5 for their assistance during fire operations and cleanup.



We want to remind the public that once a fire starts, get out and stay out. No possession inside a home is worth risking your life. Fire doubles in size within 30 to 60 seconds and becomes life threatening in less than two minutes with a fully involved fire within three. We understand that a house fire is one of the most devastating experiences a person can face, and our firefighters train to respond not only to protect lives but also to protect property whenever possible. We will always do our best to save pets and sentimental items when conditions allow.

That is why working smoke alarms save lives! They give you the seconds you need to stay alive in a house fire to get out.

Images and videos can be downloaded at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/5e4yi1jvdp14gg1z7r0l0/APOa2bh2V6ggE9yauuDaoJA?rlkey=xypq6ng1xrudms5kn745eroqz&st=5pejaz19&dl=0>

