

Neighbors rescue sleeping women from burning trailer

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Neighbors in a Redmond RV park who noticed a nearby 28-foot travel trailer was on fire early this morning roused two sleeping women, helped them escape, and extinguished the fire using a garden hose.

According to a news release issued by the City of Redmond Fire & Rescue, a woman seeing flames and smoke from the nearby trailer in Space E of Green Acres RV Park located at 7777 S. Highway 97 told her husband, who then jumped into immediate action.

The fire was reported shortly before 2 a.m. on May 15, and firefighters arrived nine minutes later to find an extinguished bedroom and contents fire in the Taurus travel trailer. Responding units overhauled the fire, investigated the cause, and contacted the American Red Cross to assist the occupants.

Investigation determined the fire started when one of the occupants fell asleep while smoking a cigarette in bed. According to Redmond Fire & Rescue, the trailer did have a smoke detector, but it wasn't in working order.

In addition to firefighters, Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies, Oregon State Police, and the American Red Cross assisted on scene.

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