

Bend Woman and Dog Unharmed in SW Bend Manufactured Home Fire

by Richard Burton

A southwest Bend manufactured home was severely damaged by a fire that may have started by candles left burning while the occupant napped, said officials.

Twelve firefighters were called to the home at 19835 Fox Hill Drive about 9:45 p.m. on Friday September 1 and found smoke and flames coming from the front and back windows. Quickly making an interior attack, crews were able to contain the fire to the living room and kitchen areas.

Barbara Haley awoke to the smell of smoke and left the residence with her dog. She suffered minor smoke inhalation, according to Bend Fire Battalion Chief Bill Boos.

The manufactured home suffered an estimated \$30,000 damage, with an additional \$20,000 to contents. The home was insured.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. "At this point we don't know if the candles contributed to the fire," said Boos.

It was undetermined if the smoke alarms were functioning properly. Bend Fire reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors once a month, to ensure they are in good working order.

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