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Three-Alarm Fire Caused by Candle

Clearview, Wash. – Just before 1 p.m. on Jan. 12 Snohomish County Fire District 7 was dispatched to a commercial fire at a storage facility in the in 21600 block of Bostian Rd. Crews encountered dense smoke and extremely dangerous conditions when they tried to enter the building and had to quickly back out. They had to cut through metal walls to access the interior of the building. Fighting the fire was extremely labor intensive and it quickly went to three-alarms. An additional five fire engines were dispatched to the scene to assist even after the third alarm was called.

Crews spent hours trying to knock down the flames. The fire had spread through the attic and crews had difficulty accessing the space because of metal construction meant to keep people from being able to climb from one storage unit to the next. Many of the storage units were packed full of flammable materials which continued to fuel the fire. Crews were on scene throughout the night to ensure there were no flare ups.

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's office determined that the fire started from a candle in one of the units. There were no injuries. The initial damage estimate was \$750,000. The 85 unit building is a complete loss.

Over 65 firefighters responded to the scene. Crews assisted from Arlington, Everett, Fire District 1, Fire District 26 (Gold Bar), Getchell, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Monroe, Snohomish, Tulalip Bay, and Woodinville.

For more information on Snohomish County Fire District 7, visit www.firedistrict7.com, or contact Public Information Officer Autumn Waite at 360-282-3956 or awaite@firedistrict7.com.



