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Kitchen Fire Quickly Extinguished

Clearview, Wash. – Snohomish County Fire District 7 responded last night just before 6:30 p.m. to a report of a kitchen fire in the 14300 block of 15th Drive SE in Mill Creek. Crews found active fire in the microwave and were able to extinguish it quickly with a dry chemical fire extinguisher. There was approximately \$4,000 in damage. One woman was treated for smoke inhalation on-scene but was not transported.

This is another reminder about the value of working smoke alarms, as they alerted the woman to the fire. Important smoke alarm tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.

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