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At 0014 hrs, Lacey units were dispatched to a report of a confirmed residential structure fire at 1242 Alki St NE in Lacey. Callers to 911 indicated that they could see flames inside the house and that the occupants were trapped upstairs. Lacey Engine 34 arrived to find a two-story home with the second floor heavily involved in fire. Lacey and Olympia units worked to quickly bring the fire under control and search the house for victims. Shortly after entering the structure, we were able to confirm that



all of the occupants had exited the home. Extinguishing the fire was made more difficult due to the advanced stage of the fire and a heavy fire load inside the house.

Lacey Fire Paramedics treated seven patients for smoke inhalation, respiratory distress and carbon monoxide exposure. All seven were transported to Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia for evaluation. None of the injuries was life threatening. There were no fire fighter injuries.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. The damage to the structure has been preliminarily estimated at \$100,000 and the home is not habitable. The occupants indicated that the home did not have working smoke detectors.

Lacey Fire District wants to remind our citizens that a properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the one item in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is always on alert.

Lacey Fire District residents that do not have a working smoke detector and can't afford to buy one can pick one up at our headquarters station, located at 1231 Franz St SE in Lacey, free of charge.

If you have any questions or would like additional safety information, please call or visit our website at www.laceyfire.com.