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Firefighters' Quick Response Limits Fire Damage at Beaverton High School

Shortly before 10:00a.m. this morning, the fire alarm at Beaverton High School began sounding and a coach conducting basketball practice noticed smoke in the hallways. The coach evacuated his players and called 911.

Firefighters from Station 67 arrived within three minutes of being dispatched and followed the smoke to find several adjoining classrooms that had pressurized black smoke pushing through the openings of the door. The incident was then raised to a second alarm to bring additional resources.

Firefighters made entry into the adjoining classrooms and found high heat and black smoke down to their knees. Firefighters worked to extinguish the fire, while another crew ventilated the room from above. While these teams of firefighters suppressed the fire, other crews searched the building and found no other occupants. Crews also searched the attic to see if the fire extended, due to the quick response and efficient fire suppression efforts the fire did not move into the attic space.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Fire investigators will conduct witness interviews, examine burn patterns and collect any material evidence to determine where and how the fire started.

Beaverton School District representatives were onscene and are coordinating with fire officials and fire investigators.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue was also assisted by Hillsboro Fire & Rescue, Metro West and Beaverton Police Department.

Images on pages below released on social media and Flash News.

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