



NEWS RELEASE

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(Hillsboro Fire Displaces Family of Four)

A one-alarm house fire forced a Hillsboro family of four from their home early Wednesday evening. The fire was reported to 9-1-1 dispatchers at 7:06 pm at 921 Roundelay Street. When Hillsboro Fire and Rescue's Engines 1 and 2 arrived at 7:12 they found all of the occupants safely outside of the two story home and smoke coming from the garage windows and from the second floor front windows. Fire fighters made entry to the garage through an interior door and found the garage filled with heavy smoke and heat. They quickly knocked down the flames containing the fire damage to the garage. The fire was under control at 7:14.

The homeowner reported smelling smoke and after discovering fire in the garage he immediately got the two children who were home with him at the time outside and called 9-1-1. He was later treated on the scene and transported to a local hospital by Metro West Ambulance for injuries he sustained in the fire.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation and no damage amounts have been determined. The fire caused heat and smoke damage to the garage. There was light smoke damage in the remainder of the home. The family will be staying with relatives while their home undergoes repair.

Hillsboro Fire Department reminds you that a working smoke alarm is the single most important safety device in your home:

- Check your alarms monthly to ensure they are working. Never go to bed without working smoke alarms in your home.
- Create a written fire escape plan, mapping out two ways out of every room in your home.
- Select a meeting place out front where every can assemble.
- Make sure you call 9-1-1 after exiting the home.
- And, once out, stay out! Never go back into a burning house.

For more fire and life safety information, visit: www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/fire or call 503-681-6166.

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Photo caption: Hillsboro Fire Investigator Doug Nolan inspects the area where the fire is believed to have started

