



S.E. Thurston Fire Authority

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S.E. Thurston Fire Crew Responds to Residential Structure Fire

“Residential Structure Fire Displaces Family in Yelm Area.”

YELM, WA — S.E. Thurston Fire Authority crews were dispatched to multiple reports of a residential structure fire in the 16500 block of 103rd Avenue SE on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at approximately 7:47 p.m.

Initial reports indicated flames were visible from a bedroom window, with fire spreading rapidly inside the residence. Three juvenile occupants safely self evacuated before fire department arrival.

Law enforcement personnel arrived first, confirmed heavy fire conditions involving one side of a duplex style residence, and evacuated the adjacent unit as a precaution.

Battalion 21 upgraded the incident to a working fire response after observing a visible smoke column while responding. Crews arrived to find heavy smoke and flames coming from the side of the structure. Firefighters initiated an offensive fire attack, deployed hose lines, made entry, and brought the fire under control while checking for extension into adjoining areas and the attic.

The fire was contained to the involved unit with limited extension into the attic. Multiple small pets were removed from the residence, and crews attempted resuscitation efforts. Sadly, several pets did not survive.

The involved residence sustained significant fire and smoke damage, displacing the occupants. The American Red Cross responded to assist the displaced residents.

S.E. Thurston Fire Authority thanks Lacey Fire District 3, South Thurston Fire & EMS, East Olympia Fire District 6, and City Yelm Police Department for their coordinated response and support.

No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported. The fire remains under investigation.

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