

TUMALO ATTIC FIRE (PHOTO)

News Release from **Bend Fire & Rescue**

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Bend fire and rescue crews responded to a reported house fire at 66015 White Rock loop.

The occupant awoke to a smoke alarm activation and smoke in the house. They safely evacuated and called 911. The first arriving engine found a working attic fire.

3 engines, 1 ladder truck, 1 water tender, 2 medic, 1 command vehicle, and 2 support units responded with Cloverdale and Redmond fire departments providing mutual aid assistance.

Value of the Structure and contents is estimated at \$400000 with \$150000 in loss due to the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

UPDATE: SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES! The occupant of the home at 66015 White Rock Loop was alerted to the fire by a working smoke alarm. If the smoke alarm did not operate the results may could have been deadly. Please contact your local fire agency or the Central & Eastern Oregon Chapter of the American Red Cross at 541-749-4144.

The most probable cause of the fire that occurred at 66015 White Rock Loop on 2/23/2022 was the heating of combustible construction adjacent to the wood stove flue in the attic space. Bend Fire & Rescue wants to remind the community that a properly maintained wood stove should be inspected and maintained prior to the cold weather where wood stoves are used as a primary or secondary heat source.

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