SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

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Gas Explosion and Fire Destroys Bothell Home

[Monroe, WA] – On Wednesday, November 29th 9:08 AM, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched to the 19700 Block of 25th Drive SE in Bothell with reports of an explosion and a house fire. Once fire crews arrived, they pulled a supply line to a hydrant and attack lines to the house for an offensive attack on the fire.

The home was unoccupided at the time of the explosion and fire.

Crews entered the structure to fight the fire from inside, but once it was discovered the building sustained significant structural damage, the Battalion Chief ordered all firefighters out of the house and then moved to a defensive attack for the safety of all first responders. Firefighters were able to shut off the natural gas from the meter on the side of the house.

The explosion blew out the garage door tossing it across the street. The roof of the garage collapsed and the walls buckled. The windows of neighboring homes had their windows break and one home sustained cracks in its walls.

Puget Sound Energy arrived and cut off gas from the street to prevent any further gas leaks. Snohomish County Fire Marshals, along with a SRFR Fire Marshal and the ATF, were on scene to investigate the cause.

The home was recently purchased and the family left the house earlier in the morningbefore the explosion and fire. South County Fire and Bothell Fire assisted in fighting this fire. No firefighters were hurt during the fire.

If you ever smell a strong rotten egg scent inside your home, leave the house, and call 911. Be sure to have heaters, furnaces, and water heaters regularly inspected, and be sure to have working carbon monoxide and smoke alarms installed in your house.

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