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### **Labor Day Fire Destroys Machias Home**

[Machias, WA] – At 3:30 p.m. on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched to the 1500 Block of OK Mill Rd, Snohomish with reports of a fire that had started in the home’s living room. Once fire crews arrived, they discovered that the nearest hydrant was over a mile away. Crews pulled a half mile of hose from a tender to supply attack lines to the house for an offensive attack on the fire.

Soon after arriving on scene, crews discovered that all residents evacuated the home. When the crews arrived on scene, flames were coming out of the south facing window and the north part of the house was black with smoke. Initially, crews fought the fire offensively attempting to save the structure, but once it was discovered the building was fully involved, and it was unsafe to remain inside, the Battalion Chief ordered all firefighters out of the house and then moved to a defensive attack for the safety of all first responders. Due to the fact that this home was built close to the 1930’s, this fire was particularly difficult to extinguish in part due to the sturdy materials used to build the home. Firefighters remain on scene to fully extinguish the fire.

Snohomish County Fire Marshals were on scene to investigate the cause.

Snohomish County Fire District 4, Getchell Fire District 22, Granite Falls District 17, and Everett Fire assisted in fighting this fire. No firefighters were hurt.

All residents escaped unharmed. Red Cross was dispatched to aid the displaced residents. It is always recommended to practice your escape plan in the event of a fire. Know two ways out of every room, and when you get out of the house, stay out.

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