



# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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On October 25, 2009 at 12:47 AM, the Northshore Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire in a single wide mobile home at Perkins Mobile Home Park in Kenmore. A neighbor had called 911 to report smoke and flames coming from the home.

As fire fighters responded from Station 51, they could see a large column of smoke. They arrived moments later to find the mobile home well involved and the occupant outside walking around in the driveway. The male occupant, approximately 40 years old, was covered in soot. He was treated for smoke inhalation and transported to Harborview Medical Center for additional medical care.

The fire was rapidly extinguished by the responding firefighters. Fire Marshal Jeff LaFlam stated, "The fire started in a bedroom/office and appears to be accidental. The investigation into the specific cause is ongoing."

Damage to the mobile home and contents is estimated at \$50,000 and is considered to be a total loss due to fire and smoke damage. It is critical to install smoke alarms in sleeping rooms, areas outside sleeping rooms and on each level of your home. Test smoke alarms monthly to help ensure they will operate properly.