

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Deputy Rescues Elderly Woman from Burning Home in Aloha

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On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 9:49 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a house fire in the 18000 block of SW Division St. in the community of Aloha. This is part of the [Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District](#) (ESPD). An 88-year-old woman called 9-1-1 to report that she was trapped inside her burning home and could not escape. She was also worried she was about to lose consciousness with all the smoke in her home.

When the first deputy arrived, he saw heavy smoke coming from the windows and doors of the house. Knowing someone was trapped inside, Deputy Joshua Friant opened the door and called into the house to see if anyone was inside. He heard a woman's voice calling out to say she couldn't get out and needed help.

Deputy Friant crawled inside through the smoke until he found the woman sitting at a table. She was unable to move from her location without a walker. The deputy helped her to the ground to avoid the heavy smoke and was able to help her out of the house.

Additional deputies, [Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue](#), and [Metro West Ambulance](#) arrived to fight the fire and render medical aid to the woman who was rescued.

The woman was transported to a local hospital for treatment and is currently in good condition.



According to the investigator with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, the fire appears to be accidental and originated in the kitchen. They will continue with their investigation today to confirm the ignition source. For further information about the fire, please refer to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

A special thank you to the [Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency](#) (WCCCA) for their critical role in keeping the victim on the line and getting help to her so quickly.

The [Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District](#) (ESPD) provides law enforcement services for more than 237,000 residents in the urban areas outside of cities in Washington County, including Bethany, Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, Aloha, Reedville, Garden Home, Metzger, Rock Creek, Raleigh Hills, Bull Mountain, Bonny Slope, West Slope, Oak Hills, and more. Voters first approved the ESPD in 1987 and all local option levies since then.



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