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MOUNT VERNON-- A man was transported to Skagit Valley Hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation on Saturday night, after rescuing a dog from a garage fire.

At approximately 9:40 pm on Saturday November 11, 2017, the Mount Vernon Fire Department was dispatched to the reported residential building fire. Firefighters arrived to find the occupants evacuated; with smoke and fire coming from the garage.

Fire crews were able to extinguish the fire in the garage, and kept the fire from extending into the house. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Damages are estimated at \$100,000.

The family's three dogs were all taken to a nearby veterinarian clinic to be treated for smoke inhalation. No immediate information was available on the condition of the occupant or the pets. Fire crews from the Burlington Fire Department, Skagit County Fire Districts 2, 3 and 9 assisted in the firefight.

This incident is a good reminder to have working smoke alarms in sleeping areas and hallways leading to those sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Most smoke alarms have a life expectancy of 10 years. Please check your smoke alarms to see what the manufacture recommends.

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