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MOUNT VERNON--On July 4, 2020 at approximately 7:40 PM the Mount Vernon Fire Department was dispatched for trees on fire near the residence at 1402 Virginia St. The incident was quickly upgraded to a fire in a building due to its proximity to the structure. Engine 111, Brush 114, and Medic 119 arrived at approximately 7:43 PM to find the trees on fire, as well as, the outside wall of the home. The fire extended into the attic space causing significant damage to the property. Fire crews from Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Skagit County Fire Districts 3 fought the fire, extinguishing the last of the flames at approximately 8:20 PM.

Additional assistance was received from Skagit County Fire Districts 2, 4, and 9 in covering fire stations within the city and responding to additional calls for service during this time. Puget Sound Energy, Cascade Natural Gas, and PUD assisted in securing utilities to the property. The Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office assisted in investigating the fire. Ultimately, it was determined to be caused by fireworks. The Mount Vernon Fire Department is investigating the incident.

The family, who purchased the home in May have been displaced from the home. Damage estimates are pending, but likely to exceed \$50,000. No injuries were sustained by residents of the home, nor to those responding to the incident.

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