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MOUNT VERNON—The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to a report of a residential structure fire at 1003 South 15<sup>Th</sup> Street, at approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Upon arrival, an occupant directed firefighters to the garage where they observed smoke coming from the front door, eaves, and roof vents. Fire crews deployed a hose line through the front door and quickly located and extinguished the fire in the garage.

The fire did not spread from the garage; however, the living space was damaged by smoke. Mount Vernon Fire Department was assisted by Burlington Fire Department, Skagit County Fire Districts #2 and #3 on scene and Dist. #9 responding to other calls in the city. Red Cross is assisting the family while the house is being repaired. Determination of the cause of the fire is under investigation with the assistance of Skagit County Fire Marshal's office.

As a reminder, residents should be sure to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in their home to ensure they operate appropriately. Also check the dates on safety devices to ensure they have not expired. Most detectors are recommended to be replaced after ten years.

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