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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **EPFD responds to Condition 2 fire**

### **Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 1100 block of Hawaii St.**

*El Paso, Texas* – At approximately 2:27 p.m. on Monday Nov. 21, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire at the 1100 block of Hawaii St. when a passers-by saw a home on fire and called 9-1-1. Upon arriving on the scene at 2:30 p.m., crews found flames coming from the back of a home. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and search for occupants reported to be inside the home. But the occupants of the house had already self-evacuated.

Firefighters knocked down the majority of the fire at 3:06 p.m. and continued checking for hot spots. The fire was under control at 3:11 p.m. The fire was contained to one bedroom in the house. About 5% of the home suffered damage, estimated at \$10,000. The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or firefighters. A total of 10 units and 25 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, El Paso Electric, Texas Gas and El Paso Planning and Inspections, assisted in the incident.

The home did have working smoke alarms. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

To request fire extinguisher training, help with a home/work escape plan or inquire about smoke alarms, the public can call (915) 485-5699 or visit [www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services).

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