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Judd & Black Appliance fire determined to be arson

EVERETT – Investigators have determined the fire at the Judd & Black Appliance store was arson.

The Fire Investigator Team, made up of fire and police investigators, have continued their investigation and determined the fire at the Judd & Black Appliance store on September 22, 2018 was arson which started outside the business.

Police detectives have followed possible leads to identify a suspect, but no arrests have been made. At this time, detectives are asking anyone with information about this arson, or knows the suspect(s), is asked to call the Everett Police Department TIP LINE at (425) 257-8450 or Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS

One northbound lane in the 2800 block of Maple St remains closed to vehicle traffic.

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Everett Fire responds to three-alarm fire at Judd & Black Appliance

(UPDATE: September 24, 2018)

The Fire Investigator Team, made up of both fire and police investigators, continues to examine all aspects of the fire that occurred at the Judd & Black Appliance store on Friday night.

The structure, built in 1892, did not have fire sprinklers in the building. Fire investigators estimate the loss of the building at \$1.5 million dollars, and an estimated loss of \$2 million dollars in inventory.

The two northbound lanes of the 2800 block of Maple Street, which is between California Street and Hewitt Avenue, will remain closed for an indefinite amount of time. There are structural integrity concerns with the west side of the building further collapsing onto Maple Street.

It is too soon to know the origin and cause of this fire. Updates will be released as they become available. Investigating a fire of this magnitude is a slow, methodical process.

Fire investigations of this size involve a combined team made up of fire investigators and police detectives; it is standard practice for fire and police to work together.

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(Original Release – September 22, 2018)

EVERETT - Fire crews worked overnight to extinguish a three-alarm structure fire at Judd & Black Appliance, 3001 Hewitt Avenue.

Shortly after 7:30 p.m. Friday night, Everett Fire responded to a report of a dumpster fire on the north side of the building at Judd & Black Appliance. As fire units were responding to the address, a large smoke column could be seen from Everett Avenue and Maple Street.

Once on scene, flames were found on the north side of the building. Firefighters checked the inside of the structure and found the fire had extended into the interior of the building. As firefighting efforts continued, it was determined the conditions inside and around the structure of the building were not safe, and eventually the building suffered a partial collapse. There were no reported injuries.

Everett Fire Chief DeMarco states, "It is too soon to know how the fire started. Investigators are on scene to determine the origin and cause of the fire."

Snohomish County PUD responded to secure the power for safety purposes, which affected area neighbors. Everett Police and Washington State Department of Transportation assisted with street closures. Mutual aid was provided by Maryville Fire District, Naval Station Everett, South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue, Snohomish County Fire District #4 and #22.

Street closures remain in place on the West and South side of the structure. Maple Street between Hewitt Avenue and California Street will remain closed for an indefinite amount of time. The 3000 block of Hewitt Avenue, westbound onto the Hewitt Avenue Trestle, is currently closed, but crews are working hard for an unknown amount of time, but crews are working hard to have it open as soon as possible.

Updates will be released as they become available.

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