



# Klamath County Fire District No. 1

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **(Occupant severely injured in Klamath County Fire District No. 1 residence fire)**

An occupant of a mobile home on Wocus Road was severely injured in a fire in his home last night. The fire was reported to Klamath County Fire District No. 1 at 9:43 P.M. on Friday night. Three neighbors saw the fire, reported it to 911, and entered the mobile home repeatedly to rescue the occupant. The neighbors were successful in removing the occupant; however he suffered burns to 70% of his body. The occupant was transported to Sky Lakes Medical Center by Klamath County Fire District No. 1. The occupant was later transferred to the Burn Unit in Portland. The three neighbors had some smoke inhalation but refused any care from Klamath County Fire District No. 1.

Klamath County Fire District No. 1 salutes the neighbors for their brave actions.

The mobile home was extensively damaged. The fire cause was determined to be careless smoking that ignited the recliner the occupant was sitting in. The mobile home had a smoke alarm; unfortunately the battery had been removed.

Klamath County Fire District No. 1 advises the public to be cautious with smoking materials and to check your smoke alarms weekly.