

# Clallam County Fire District 3

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## **Explosion Level's June Place Residence in Sequim**

Just before 7pm on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, the PenCom dispatch center in Port Angeles was advised by what they're estimating at nearly 100 separate 911 calls of an explosion in the area of Ridge View Drive and Woodcock Road. Units were quickly toned out to an address in the 100 block, confirmed to be 132 June Place. Upon arrival, a home which had exploded, with building debris strewn about adjoining properties, was fully involved in fire. Firefighters from the Carlsborg Station arrived about 5 minutes after the initial tone to the front of the burning structure. Flames showing, with multiple propane tanks venting and sending flames 30 to 40 feet high in loud bursts.

Additional units from the Sequim and Blyn Fire Stations, and numerous volunteer personnel converged on the inferno which had thrown pieces of the home over 100 feet in all directions. There were reports of at least three homes with their windows blown out on same block. Multiple callers and witnesses stated that within a mile of the initial explosion objects had fallen off their walls inside their homes.

While it took about an hour to control the blaze, the major damage was kept to the property address with some grass that had caught fire across property lines as well as a neighboring fence. Fire District 3 crews were able to douse those spots before any additional damage was caused. At this time the cause of the explosion and subsequent fire are under investigation by Clallam County Fire District 3 and the Clallam County Sheriff's Office. At the peak of the call Fire District 3 had 10 units with nearly 30 personnel on scene. Port Angeles fire department graciously had an assistant chief that stopped to assist as well. Olympic Ambulance responded with three BLS ambulances, evaluating two individuals for minor injuries, and the Clallam County Sheriff's Office also has been on scene assisting our fire investigator with the investigation in cooperation with the Clallam County Prosecutors Office due to the nature of the incident. According to Battalion Chief Chris Turner, "No firefighter injuries are associated with this incident even though the home is a total loss."

Some residents of the fire district in the vicinity of the fire may notice damage to their homes or property over the next couple of days. Both the Fire District and Sheriff's Office are recommending contacting your homeowner's insurance company and giving them the Clallam County Sheriff's Office Case Number:2023-14288.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Chris Turner at (360) 683-4242. Ext. 132.

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