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MOUNT VERNON—Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to reports of a brush fire on Riverbend Road, at 6:57 a.m. Wednesday.

Crews arrived to discover a tent on fire in a field, as well as a man lying on the ground with his clothing on fire. The flames were extinguished by the crew, and the man was stabilized and transported to Skagit Valley Hospital to be treated for burn injuries. The severity of the burn injuries is unknown.

A second adult male was reported to have fled the scene and was found approximately 100 yards down the road. The second victim reported having minor burns to his feet. He was treated at the scene, and transported to Skagit Valley Hospital.

The victims were reportedly sleeping in the tent when it caught on fire. The source of the fire is undetermined at this time.

**SAFETY REMINDER:** Tents are made of highly flammable, synthetic materials. Do not use heat sources with hot surfaces to warm the inside of a tent, as the heat source may ignite the synthetic material.

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