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MOUNT VERNON— At approximately 6:50 p.m. on January 5, 2023, the Mount Vernon Fire Department was dispatched to a residential house fire located on the 1800 block of N. 30th Street.

When the firefighters arrived, they found a working fire in the garage of a duplex. Upon opening the door of the home, a cat ran outside to safety. A dog was also rescued from the home. Both units of the duplex were otherwise unoccupied at the time of the response.

Puget Sound Energy and Cascade Natural Gas responded to the location, disconnected the power, and confirmed that the gas was shut off to the home. The fire was brought under control in approximately 30 minutes.

Fire crews from Skagit County Fire District #4 responded to assist with extinguishment and overhaul of the fire. Red Cross was notified to assist the homeowner. No injuries were reported and the fire damage, as well as the cause of the fire, is undetermined at this time. Fire Investigators returned this morning to begin the investigation.

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