



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Fire Destroys Motor Home - Hillsboro Firefighters Random Acts of Kindness Respond to Owner's Need**

An engine compartment fire destroyed the motor home and primary residence of a Hillsboro couple this morning. At 10:15 crews from the Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a motor home fire at 646 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The first arriving engine was able to extinguish the fire within minutes but the motor home and its contents were a total loss. Since this was the couple's primary residence, representatives from the American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter were called in to meet the owner's immediate housing needs. Upon discovering that a prosthetic leg and a wheel chair belonging to one of the motor home occupants were destroyed in the fire, the on scene fire department chaplain notified members of the Hillsboro Firefighters Random Acts of Kindness organization. Within 45 minutes of receiving the call, Lieutenant Brian Washam arrived with a replacement wheel chair fresh out of the box.

Hillsboro Firefighters Random Acts, Inc. is a tax exempt, charitable organization created by dedicated firefighters who truly believe that they can make a difference in the community in ways besides emergency responses and daily interaction with the public. Their aim is simple - to help fellow firefighters and city employees give something extra back to the communities they live in and care for.

Photo Caption: Hillsboro Fire Department Chaplain Bruce Montgomery (left) and Lieutenant Brian Washam (right) prepare the wheel chair donated by Hillsboro Firefighters Random Acts.



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