



Information Bulletin

Fire Crews Respond to Structure Fire at Auto Wrecking Business

ABBOTSFORD, BC: June 21, 2018– On Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 1:09 pm, the Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service (AFRS) responded to a report of a vehicle fire at 34314 Vye Road.

On arrival, AFRS found heavy smoke fire coming from an auto recycling structure on the property with large quantities of tires and fuels in the vicinity of the building. Based on the volume of fire hazardous materials on site, AFRS crews mounted a defensive attack.

Crews were able to keep the fire contained to the area of origin but the structure and its contents were a total loss. Due to the large quantity of water used to subdue the fire and the products found in the building, City public works crews and the Provincial Ministry of Environment were contacted to assist with the protection of water courses in the area.

Twelve AFRS units and 29 firefighters attended the incident and APD, BC Hydro, Fortis, BC Ambulance and City of Abbotsford Public Works employees were also on scene.

One AFRS member was taken to the hospital for assessment and treatment of minor injuries and later released. Two employees of the business received medical attention for minor injuries on site.

The cause of the fire was related to business operations occurring on site. Businesses are reminded to ensure proper safety measures are in place when working with heat around flammable liquids.

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