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Billings West End Fuddruckers Closed For 5 Days After Towel Fire

http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/west-end-fuddruckers-closed-for-days-after-towel-fire/article_ffcdfd71-aabd-5870-af38-eb8c11becd6d.html

The Billings West End Fuddruckers, 2011 Overland Ave., will be closed for at least five days as the business cleans up after a fire early Tuesday.

The fire happened after the evening crew had left, said Dave Binstock, owner and manager. An alarm system notified him of the fire in a back room where the laundry machines are located.

Apparently, a basket of towels that were hot after being removed from the clothes dryer spontaneously combusted, he said.

"They were probably over-dried," he said. "The fire department said it could happen."

When fire department arrived, the fire had already been put out, he said. A plastic pipe connecting a hand-wash sink to the hot and cold water pipes was melted by the fire and sprayed water on the blaze.

It was lucky that there wasn't more damage, he said.

Binstock said he wants to make sure the restaurant is cleaned and safe for patrons, which may take five days or more, he said. "Hopefully we'll be up and running and serving people some burgers in no time."

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Coram-West Glacier Fire Department Sues For Property

http://www.flatheadnewsgroup.com/hungryhorsenews/coram-west-glacier-fire-department-sues-for-property/article_1e44f6d6-c1dc-11e4-a9be-0b93283ee15e.html

The Flathead County Attorney's Office has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Coram-West Glacier Fire Department against Tod Fox, Laura Fox and any others who might have a claim on a parcel of land in Coram.

According to a complaint filed on Jan. 13, a lot on Fehlberg Lane was conveyed to the fire department in the early 1970s. The fire department also owned several lots on Coram School Lane legally described as Lots J, L and N of Fehlberg's Tracts.

Around 2003, Tod Fox wrote a check to the fire department for \$12,000 to purchase the Coram School Lane lots and put a notation at the bottom of the check referring to Lots J, L and N.

According to a complaint, Fox spoke with John Gillespie, the fire department's secretary-treasurer, in June 2005 asking him to sign a warranty deed conveying Lots J, L and N to Fox. But according to the complaint, the warranty deed recorded at the Flathead County Clerk and Recorder's Office included not just Lots J, L and N but also the lot on Fehlberg Lane.

Fire department officials say they never intended to sell the lot on Fehlberg Lane to Fox, nor did they give Fox or anyone else permission to convey the lot to Fox. The fire department requests that the lot on Fehlberg be returned to the fire department by quiet title.

Fox was a pastor for 35 years and was the pastor at Canyon Community Church in Coram.

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Modesto Firefighters Lauded for Saving Women

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12050674/modesto-firefighters-lauded-for-saving-women>



Modesto firefighters Jesse Miguel and Jason Wyatt were honored at Tuesday night's City Council meeting for rescuing a mother and her adult daughter trapped inside their burning apartment.

They got a hug from one of the women they saved in the early morning Valentine's Day fire, which gutted an eight-unit, two-story Campus Way apartment complex near the Modesto Junior College East Campus.

"I just love these guys," said Delores Dobbins in an interview after an emotional Mayor Garrad Marsh had presented Miguel and Wyatt with certificates of commendation.

Dobbins' sentiment was shared by the audience. The firefighters received two standing ovations, the second one prompted by a request from Councilman Dave Lopez to honor the firefighters a second time.

Dobbins, 67, and her daughter, Tammy Dobbins, had taken refuge in the bathroom of Delores Dobbins' second-story studio apartment as the flames spread. Tammy Dobbins was spending the night with her mom.

They closed the bathroom door to buy time, but feared the worst. Fire officials said the two women had only minutes before the fire reached them.

"I thought we were going to die," said Dobbins, whose daughter was not able to attend the council meeting. Some tenants jumped from the second floor before firefighters arrived, with two of them suffering leg injuries.

Officials say the fire started on the first floor and they consider it suspicious.

Miguel and Wyatt placed a ladder against the back of the apartment building by Dobbins' bathroom window. Wyatt steadied the ladder as Miguel climbed it and then helped Tammy Dobbins down, passing her off to Wyatt.

Miguel climbed the ladder a second time and reached through the window to pull Delores Dobbins out of the bathroom and then carried her down the ladder.

Fire Chief Sean Slamon recognized not only Wyatt and Miguel but the other firefighters, police officers and emergency dispatchers who took part in the incident. For instance, one dispatcher kept the panic-stricken women calm until help arrived.

"This rescue was a team effort," Slamon said in an interview. "It's a great example of what all of our first responders do on a daily basis."

The apartment building is boarded up and fenced off. Owners Sherman and Connie Petersen said they are waiting to hear from their insurance company on whether the building can be repaired. They said the building has eight apartments (Modesto officials have said it has 20) and that about 16 people were displaced by the fire.

Their daughter Kim Petersen thanked firefighters and others for their efforts at Tuesday's meeting.

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Salt Lake Fire Station Blaze Sends Crew to Hospital

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12050374/salt-lake-fire-station-blaze-sends-crew-to-hospital>



Fire Station 2 in Salt Lake City after an early morning fire in a second-floor utility room at the building. Nine firefighters who escaped the fire that erupted at their own station were taken to a hospital to be checked for smoke inhalation.

Photo credit: AP Photo/Rick Bowmer



Photo credit: Salt Lake City Fire Dept.

When a group of Salt Lake City firefighters cracked open the door of their upstairs dorm room early Tuesday, they found smoke from a fire that erupted at their own station. They closed the door and jumped on the room's fire pole to flee the flames, then quickly returned to the building with a fire truck to battle the blaze.

"They wake up, and within a minute, they're fighting a fire in their second home," said Salt Lake City Fire Department spokesman Jasen Asay.

Two dozen additional firefighters soon joined them. When the fire was extinguished, nine firefighters were taken to a hospital to be evaluated for smoke inhalation, then released several hours later.

Investigators were trying to determine what caused the blaze, which left the second floor of the building with heavy damage. It started in a utility room with a soda machine where linens and rags are stored, and the fire spread to the kitchen and the building's vent system.

Smoke woke up two captains sleeping on the first floor at about 1:30 a.m., and they called to the other seven firefighters upstairs.

"They love their station and needed to react quickly, and they did a good job of that," Asay said.

Still, it was an emotional morning, he said. Crews usually have a few minutes to prepare themselves before they start putting out a fire, but that was impossible Tuesday as the blaze spread in a place with special meaning for many of the city's firefighters.

The station is one of Salt Lake City's oldest, and most of the department's 325 firefighters have worked there at some point, Asay said.

"It means a lot to the entire department, especially to the nine firefighters who were there this morning," he said.

All the firefighters based at the damaged building are working out of other stations until their facility gets repaired.

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Boston Firefighters Hurt Battling Ambulance Fire

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12050431/boston-firefighters-hurt-battling-ambulance-fire>

Two Boston firefighters were injured while battling an ambulance fire Tuesday morning. The driver pulled over the ambulance after noticing a brake problem, according to [MyFoxBoston](#).

The firefighters were injured when an oxygen cylinder exploded as flames engulfed the ambulance.

One was hit by debris, while another suffered a concussion, the station reported.

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Va. Firefighters Looking for Plane Crash Victims

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12050664/va-firefighters-looking-for-plane-crash-victims>



NORFOLK -- A small plane believed to have four people aboard that was missing this morning after losing contact with the tower at Norfolk International Airport crashed in Norfolk Botanical Garden.

Firefighters were assessing the plane and looking for possible survivors, according to Norfolk Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Julian Williamson.

The plane, described as a Mooney M20, was on approach to runway 23 around 4:30 a.m. and was a mile or two out from the airport when it made a final transmission to the tower, then lost contact, according to the Coast Guard and Williamson.

National Weather Service records show that visibility at the airport decreased from 1.25 miles to .50 miles between 4 and 5 a.m. With a warm front moving through the area carrying warmer, moister air, the fog can be slower to dissipate, said weather service meteorologist Andrew Zimmerman.

Rescuers from multiple other agencies were involved in the search initially in the Chesapeake Bay and harbor, including Norfolk Fire-Rescue, Norfolk police, Virginia Beach fire, Virginia Beach EMS, Virginia Port Authority, the Navy and the airport.

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