



JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5

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MEDIA RELEASE

Date: 1/29/2020

Address: 1500 Neil Creek Road, Ashland

Time of Alarm: 1732 Hours

Incident Type: Structure Fire

Jackson County Fire District No. 5 responded to a reported structure fire at 1500 Neil Creek Road/Interstate 5. Updated information indicated a working structure fire with a column of smoke showing. First arriving companies found a large two (2) story single family dwelling and adjacent work shop burning. The building was well involved with a significant volume of fire and smoke issuing from the first and second floors. Occupants had evacuated the building ahead of the fire. Crews established a water supply from a water tender, and initiated exterior fire attack. They encountered significant difficulty in extinguishing the blaze due to rural roads, long driveways, blocked access (excess personal property) and lack of water supply. Firefighters were also hampered by very large explosions and a supply of hazardous chemicals stored on site. A 2000 foot water supply line was laid and supported by additional pumpers and water tenders. A second alarm was requested from Jackson County and additional mutual aid resources were dispatched from Siskiyou County. The blaze was contained to the building of origin at 0220 hours and fire continues to smolder with a posted fire watch and patrols by Jackson County Fire Dist. 5.

Primary/Secondary Search: No additional occupants (limited due to access and hazards).

Injuries: There was one civilian injury (treated and released) and no firefighter injuries.

Estimate of Damage: Structure \$600,000 Contents \$150,000

Responding Agencies: Jackson County Fire District No. 5, Ashland Fire & Rescue, CERT, Medford Fire & Rescue, Green Springs Fire, Siskiyou County Fire, Cal Fire Siskiyou Unit

Units: 8 Engines, 3 Water Tenders, 1 Ambulance, 1 Brush Engine, 5 Chief Officers, 1 REHAB

Alarms: 3

Cause: Undetermined

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Jackson County Fire District #5 reminds all residents to ensure they have working smoke detectors, to practice exit drills in the home (EDITH) and clear flammable vegetation around their houses.