



Incident Information

Office of Public Affairs & Education

Date:	7-04-11	Adults Injured:	0				
Time Call Received:	0103 hours	Minors Injured:	0				
Incident Type:	Structure Fire	Civilian Fatalities:	0				
Address/Location:	225 Commerce Dr.	Civilians Rescued:	0				
Incident No:	11-8548	Firefighter Injuries:	0				
Occupancy Name:	ALS Environmental	Firefighter Fatalities:	0				
Occupancy / # Units	Environmental Laboratory	Pet / Animal Fatalities/ Injuries:	0				
1 st In Company:	Engine 6	Assisting Agencies:	Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Poudre Valley Hospital Ambulance				
Battalion:	1	Incident Control Time:	N/AV				
Dollar Loss:	N/AV	Incident Duration:	N/AV				
Dollars Saved:	\$3 million +	Total # Alarms:	3				
Displaced/Evacuated:	N/A	Total # Personnel	34				
Origin:	N/AV	Incident Commander:	B. Garcia				
Cause:	N/AV	Submitted by:	Patrick Love 2030 hours				
Engines	Ladder Trucks	Brush Engines	Rescues	Ambulances	Water Tenders	Command Units	Investigators
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Fort Collins, CO- Firefighters responded early this morning to what was initially reported as a fire alarm at ALS Environmental Company just east of downtown. The response was immediately upgraded due to reports received from callers stating there was smoke in the building. A large smoke column was visible to responding firefighters so a second alarm was struck to bring immediate assistance. The first engine arrived to find a 200' x 200' one-story, steel-frame laboratory and office building with a large amount of smoke coming from the roof.

Due to pre-planning activities and special signs posted on the exterior of the building, firefighters were aware of hazardous materials stored at this location. With no immediate life-safety issue with the business being closed and its location, firefighters planned carefully to attack the fire. This was done in order to eliminate or at least greatly reduce exposure to potentially toxic materials for citizens and firefighters. Once access to the large and challenging interior, the fire was quickly extinguished. Four firefighters who attacked the fire from the interior were decontaminated while on scene.

PFA Hazardous Materials Team monitored the atmosphere both inside and outside the building to determine if any hazardous materials had indeed escaped. There was no danger at any time to the public as the smoke quickly dissipated into the surrounding atmosphere.

The investigation is ongoing to determine the origin and cause. No additional information is available at this time.

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