



Incident Information

Office of Public Affairs & Education

Date:	2-18-11	Adults Injured:	0				
Time Call Received:	1121 hours	Minors Injured:	0				
Incident Type:	Structure Fire	Civilian Fatalities:	0				
Address/Location:	3925 W. LaPorte Ave.	Civilians Rescued:	0				
Incident No:	11-2212	Firefighter Injuries:	0				
Occupancy Name:	Atmospheric Science Campus	Firefighter Fatalities:	0				
Occupancy / # Units	Research Facility	Pet / Animal Fatalities/ Injuries:	0				
1 st In Company:	E-2	Assisting Agencies:	Poudre Valley Ambulance, Colorado State University Police				
Battalion:	1	Incident Control Time:	N/AV				
Dollar Loss:	N/AV	Incident Duration:	N/AV				
Dollars Saved:	\$1,000,000+	Total # Alarms:	1				
Displaced/Evacuated:	N/AV	Total # Personnel	20				
Origin:	Exterior wall	Incident Commander:	T. DeMint				
Cause:	Accidental	Submitted by:	Patrick Love 1715 hours				
Engines	Ladder Trucks	Brush Engines	Rescues	Ambulances	Water Tenders	Command Units	Investigators
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Fort Collins, CO- Firefighters responded to what was initially called in as a fire alarm in a building on the CSU Foothills Campus on the west side of Fort Collins. The first crews arrived to find smoke coming from an exterior wall on the second floor where work was being performed to attach a metal deck. Firefighters immediately worked to gain access inside the wall and to keep fire out of the interior of the building. Once the wall was opened they found the fire running in void spaces but were able to quickly stop the spread.

The fire was brought under control within thirty minutes however firefighters remained on-scene for almost another two hours to ensure complete extinguishment and removal of smoke from the interior. Fires that occur in void spaces of buildings can be very challenging due the hidden nature of the spaces which can allow unchecked fire spread. There was no fire damage to the interior of the building, only very light smoke damage.

The building was occupied at the time of the fire however all occupants escaped safely. The building is now back in operation.

After an investigation the fire origin was determined to be the area of exterior wall between the first and second floor. The cause has been determined to be accidental; welding or cutting operation.

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