



# Incident Information

Office of Public Affairs & Education

Date:	9-2-10	Adults Injured:	0				
Time Call Received:	1632 hours	Minors Injured:	0				
Incident Type:	Vegetation Fire	Civilian Fatalities:	0				
Address/Location:	7941 S. Hwy. 287	Civilians Rescued:	0				
Incident No:	10-10872	Firefighter Injuries:	0				
Occupancy Name:	N/A	Firefighter Fatalities:	0				
Occupancy / # Units	N/A	Pet / Animal Fatalities/ Injuries:	0				
1 <sup>st</sup> In Company:	Engine 14	Assisting Agencies:	See below				
Battalion:	1	Incident Control Time:	N/AV				
Dollar Loss:	N/A	Incident Duration:	4 hours				
Dollars Saved:	N/A	Total # Alarms:	1, plus additional engines				
Displaced/Evacuated:	N/A	Total # Personnel	16				
Origin:	Vehicle & grass on side of road	Incident Commander:	G. Nuckols				
Cause:	Accidental	Submitted by:	Patrick Love 2000 hours				
<b>Engines</b>	<b>Ladder Trucks</b>	<b>Brush Engines</b>	<b>Rescues</b>	<b>Ambulances</b>	<b>Water Tenders</b>	<b>Command Units</b>	<b>Investigators</b>
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Fort Collins, CO – Poudre Fire Authority responded today to what turned out to be eleven separate grass fires along South Highway 287, south of Fort Collins. The first engine arrived on scene of the initial fire at Midland Drive and S. Highway 287 and soon discovered they had multiple fires. Additional units were immediately requested for the new fires which were growing in size, eventually forming four separate and larger fires. Houses and improvements such as fences were threatened for a short time; however crews were able to prevent any damage. Highway 287 between Trilby Road on the north and 71<sup>st</sup> Street in Loveland was closed for a time due to smoke obscuring visibility for motorists and to protect the many fire crews working the fires.

Poudre Fire Authority Investigators traced the cause of the fires to a van that had driven through the area of the fires shortly before the first one was reported. The van was apparently still on fire as it reached its destination on Foothills Drive in Fort Collins. The origin of the fires was determined to be the van. The cause was determined to be mechanical problems. The driver of the van will not be charged at this time.

Assisting agencies: Colorado State Patrol, Fort Collins Police Services, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, and Loveland Fire/Rescue.

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