



Incident Information

Office of Public Affairs & Education

Date:	9-24-10	Adults Injured:	0				
Time Call Received:	0137 hours	Minors Injured:	0				
Incident Type:	Haystack fire	Civilian Fatalities:	0				
Address/Location:	Doubletree Dr. & N. Overland Trail	Civilians Rescued:	0				
Incident No:	10-11956	Firefighter Injuries:	1-minor				
Occupancy Name:	N/A	Firefighter Fatalities:	0				
Occupancy / # Units	Vacant field	Pet / Animal Fatalities/ Injuries:	0				
1 st In Company:	Engine 7	Assisting Agencies:	Larimer County Sheriff's Office				
Battalion:	1	Incident Control Time:	N/AV				
Dollar Loss:	\$36,000	Incident Duration:	N/AV				
Dollars Saved:	N/A	Total # Alarms:	1				
Displaced/Evacuated:	N/A	Total # Personnel	17 on 1 st Alarm Assignment; now 6				
Origin:	N/AV	Incident Commander:	G. Nuckols				
Cause:	N/AV	Submitted by:	Patrick Love 1215 hours				
Engines	Ladder Trucks	Brush Engines	Rescues	Ambulances	Water Tenders	Command Units	Investigators
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Fort Collins, CO – Poudre Fire Authority responded today to a reported small fire in hay bales in a field northwest of Fort Collins. When the first engine arrived on scene they found the fire spreading throughout the entire hay stack which measures approximately 30' x 120' and contains over 7,000 hay bales. The hay will be a total loss. Crews will remain on scene throughout today and possibly into tonight.

The strategy at this time is to let the fire burn itself out and consume as much of the hay as possible. In doing so, this will save a substantial amount of time, money, resources and environmental concerns. If and when the fire is actively extinguished, it will place a proportionately larger amount of smoke in the atmosphere, possibly throw additional embers into the surrounding neighborhood and dry vegetation, and use thousands of gallons of water. Crews are monitoring the fire and weather conditions for changes.

The Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, Colorado State Department of Public Health and Environment and Poudre School District have all been advised of the fire.

Please do not call 911 regarding this smoke unless you think it is coming from a separate incident.

For citizens who are bothered by smoke and/or have preexisting medical conditions which may be exacerbated due to smoke, please take some precautions such as: stay indoors, close windows and doors in your home and turn off the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. If you feel ill, please seek medical help.

Poudre Fire Authority investigators are currently investigating the origin and cause. No additional information is available at this time regarding the investigation.

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