PFA Concludes Investigation for Fire with Fatality

At 6:48 p.m. on Monday, July 6, Engine 10 was dispatched to stage on a medical call related to reports of an assault on the 2500 block of E. Harmony. While en route, the caller told Dispatch that the manufactured home that was the scene of the incident had exploded. The crew quickly transitioned to a fire response. They could see smoke as they approached and the response was upgraded to a second alarm fire, which dispatched additional resources.

The Engine 10 crew arrived and found the home almost completely engulfed in flames. They attacked from multiple sides of the structure and quickly knocked down the fire. It was reported that someone was inside the mobile home, and crews began an interior search. Firefighters located a deceased person in the structure. The scene was investigated by PFA fire investigators and Fort Collins Police Services (FCPS) detectives.

Firefighters remained on scene to extinguish hot spots and to help maintain a safe working environment for the fire investigators and detectives. An estimated 90 percent of the structure was involved in the fire and it caused about $100,000 in lost property.

“This was a dynamic and tragic incident. It’s one that makes us extra thankful for the close partnership we share with Fort Collins Police Services,” said PFA’s Public Information Officer Annie Bierbower.

PFA fire investigators determined the room of origin was likely the kitchen and the presence of flammable liquids inside the home contributed to the spread of the fire.

The Larimer County Coroner released the identity of the deceased and cause of death. Fort Collins Police Services has completed their investigation. Information about the police investigation can be found at www.fcgov.com/news/?id=7807.

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