



Fire and Rescue Department

Poag Street Fire – February 8, 2020

Fire Chief John S. Butler

Public Safety Committee Meeting

March 17, 2020

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Overview

- Fire started by a discarded cigarette several minutes prior to first 911 call
- First 911 call received by DPSC at 09:40
- FRD dispatched within 30 seconds
- FRD arrived on the scene less than 4 minutes after the first call



Overview

- 5 Story mixed used building under construction
- Large, lightweight wood structure
- Highly combustible environment
- Limited firestopping present to slow fire growth
- No fire suppression system



Overview

Destroyed (all under construction):

- 5 Buildings (500,300 ft²)
- 14 Townhouses (32,000+ ft²)
- Parking Garage (190,800 ft²)

Damaged:

- 14 Townhouses
- 4 Single family dwellings
- 5 Apartment buildings
- One commercial building
- 28 Vehicles

Damage in excess of \$48.5 Million



FRD Challenges

- Construction
- Weather
- Exposures
- Access
- Water Supply
- Utilities involved in fire
 - Propane
 - Power



Highlights

- Staffing & Resource Deployment
 - Stations
 - Apparatus
- Response Times
- FRD Surge Capacity
 - Rapid Recall of essential personnel
 - Maintained countywide coverage
- Adapted to Rapidly Escalating Situation
- County Support

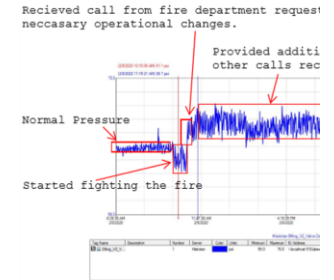


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Standard for the
Organization and Deployment
of Fire Suppression Operations,
Emergency Medical Operations,
and Special Operations to the
Public by Career Fire Departments

Highlights

- Regional Interoperability
 - 5 Departments
 - 62 Units / 1st Hour
- Public Safety Partners
 - DPSC
 - PD
 - OEM
- Saved all occupied structures
- No significant civilian/FRD injuries



Moving Forward

- Continued emphasis preplanning incident planning
- Continued coordination within FRD (Operations & Prevention)
- Staff will be dedicated to ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements

Questions

