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ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESPONDS TO RECYCLE PLANT FIRE

ACFR responds to recycle plant fire at 5600 block of York St.

DENVER, Colo. – At approximately 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday July 10, Adams County Fire Rescue was dispatched to the 5600 block of York St. when employees of a metal recycling plant called 9-1-1 to report a fire. The first unit arrived at 3:20 p.m. and saw a large pile of metallic material on fire. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and look for possible exposures. Because the employees of the plant had retreated to safety, firefighters continued to fight the fire.

At approximately 5:22 p.m., additional firefighters from other fire departments was requested to assist with the incident. Crews knocked down the fire at approximately 7 a.m. but continued overhauling the scene and checking for hot spots until approximately 4:36 p.m. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the original pile and keep it from extending to surrounding buildings inside the facility. The cause and origin of the fire are under investigation.

Two firefighters were transported non-emergent to local hospitals with non-serious injuries. A total of 12 units and 29 firefighters from Adams County Fire Rescue responded to the incident. The fire departments of Arvada, Brighton, Denver, Fairmount, Federal Heights, Ft. Lupton, Hudson, Littleton, Mountain View, North Metro, South Adams County, South Metro, Thornton, West Metro and Westminster sent an additional 32 units with 83 firefighters to assist in the incident. Adams County Sheriffs, Adams County Office of Emergency Management, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Petroleum, Environmental Protection Agency, Red Cross, Salvation Army and Union Pacific also assisted with the incident.

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