



**Steamboat Springs
Fire Rescue**

City of
Steamboat Springs



Structure Fire 42355 County Road 46A

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 19, 2019-Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR) was dispatched to 42355 County Road 46A for the report of a structure fire a little before 6pm. The initial response was delayed as 6 of the 8 on-duty personnel were transporting an uncooperative party under the influence of drugs and alcohol to the hospital.

Engine 6-1 cleared the medical call with an engine operator and fire officer. Additionally, an ambulance crew from the Mountain Fire Station responded to the Central Station to staff a water tender (apparatus carrying 2,000 gallons of water for rural response).

Alarm Type:	Structure
Dispatched:	1756
On Scene:	1817
Fire Out:	2214
In Service:	2239

Acting Fire Chief Cerasoli, who responded from home, made an immediate request for mutual aid assistance from West Routt Fire Protection District (WRFPD) for an additional fire engine and personnel along with asking Routt County Communications Center (RCCC) to send out a second page for any available off-duty personnel.

Upon arriving on the scene in Engine 6-1, Captain Scott Hetrick found a large shop with an attached apartment fully involved in fire surrounded by numerous vehicles and ranching equipment. An immediate decision was made that this would be a defensive operation to keep the fire from spreading to any of the surrounding buildings or vehicles due to the lack of water and personnel.



WRFPD responded to the fire with six personnel and two fire engines. A water tender and two ambulances arrived on scene with four off-duty SSFR personnel and four on-duty personnel who had finished the earlier medical call.

At the onset, fire operations were limited due to the lack of water as Fire Engine 6-1 carries only 750 gallons. A fire the size and intensity of this one would require several thousand gallons of water per minute to suppress. Cerasoli assumed command upon arrival and made a second request of RCCC to ask North Routt Fire Protection District (NRFPD) for another water tender and Oak Creek Fire Protection District OCFPD for an ambulance to cover Steamboat Springs and the surrounding area. With the assistance of an area rancher, a hole was cut through the ice of a nearby pond to allow for water to be brought to the scene reducing the round trip for water from 12 miles to 1/2-mile.

Once a reliable and close water supply was established, personnel were able to work on suppressing the fire inside the structure. At 2214, Cerasoli determined that the fire was controlled to an extent to keep it from spreading to surrounding vehicles, structures or foliage. The fire will continue to smolder for several days as the shop was filled with equipment and firewood for the boiler system.

The structure is considered a total loss and the cause of the fire is under investigation by Steamboat Springs Fire Marshall and Routt County Sheriff's Office. SSFR would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance, Routt County Communication Center, Routt County Sheriff Office, West Routt Fire Protection District, Oak Creek Fire Protection District, and North Routt Fire Protection District.

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