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## **Multiple agencies respond to brush fire in Thornton on Friday** Cause is still undetermined

**Thornton, CO** — On Friday, Sept. 16, multiple agencies responded to a large brush fire that started in open space just north of E. 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Monaco and Quebec Streets. Crews were able to contain the fire from reaching nearby homes with the help of an air tanker called in from Fort Collins.

Residents in nearby homes called in the fire just after 3 p.m., and crews from Thornton Fire Department and North Metro Fire Rescue District were on scene within minutes, followed by Brighton Fire Protection District, Lafayette Fire Department and Rocky Mountain Fire Department. Thornton Police Department also assisted with the incident. In total close to 40 firefighters were on scene, along with support personnel and 15 firefighting apparatus, to fight the aggressive brush fire.

The fire originated in the open space halfway between Monaco and Quebec Streets and quickly spread north and west toward homes in an adjacent subdivision. Crews called in a wildland air tanker that made a drop over the large space, helping stop the spread of the fire north. Firefighters were then able to create and maintain a buffer space between the brush fire and neighboring homes. No residential evacuations were necessary as a result.

The fire spread approximately a half-mile north and south and a quarter-mile east and west before crews were able to contain it. The majority of resources began to demobilize nearly three hours after the first crews arrived on scene. Two brush trucks from Thornton Fire and North Metro Fire remained on scene into the night to monitor remaining hot spots.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. The cause is still undetermined.

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### **North Metro Fire Rescue District**

North Metro Fire Rescue District is dedicated to providing quality service to its residents through fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and specialized rescue. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 117,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Adams, Boulder, Jefferson and Weld Counties.