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North Metro Fire Crews Respond to Five Structure Fires in 72 Hours

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO—North Metro Fire Rescue District firefighters had an extra busy start to the week, responding to five structure fires in a period of 72 hours. While extensive damage resulted from two of the structure fires, no injuries occurred to the residents or firefighters in any of the fires.

Apartment fire on Huron Street

North Metro Fire responded to an apartment fire just after 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, at the 10600 block of Huron Street in Northglenn. The occupant of the apartment entered her residence and smelled smoke, so she evacuated and called 911. Crews arrived and were able to detect the smoke coming from smoldering wires within an electrical outlet. They used a fire extinguisher to douse the smoldering wires. There was no significant damage to the unit, nor were there any injuries to report. The cause of the fire was attributed to some improperly disposed cigarettes on the balcony that burned through a hole into the wall where the outlet was. It was ruled accidental.

Residential fire at E. 121st Place

North Metro Fire was dispatched at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 16, to a tri-level home at the 5900 block of E. 121st Place in Brighton along with Thornton Fire Department. Crews arrived to heavy smoke coming from the backside of the house. Visibility was very limited inside the house as crews performed a search and rescue. No residents were home at the time of the fire, but two pets were found unresponsive by firefighters. The fire was quickly extinguished as crews checked for extension of the fire into the walls, basement and attic. There was extensive damage to the home as a result of how the fire spread along the floor joists, partially collapsing one section of the first floor. No injuries were reported from the fire. The cause was ruled accidental and was determined to have started in the living room of the home due to an electrical issue.

Barn fire on Weld County Road 13

North Metro Fire, Thornton Fire and Mountain View Fire Protection District responded to a barn fire on Weld County Road 13 at 3:30 p.m. Monday. Upon arrival, two outbuildings were engulfed in flames resulting in extensive damage to the structures. Crews immediately put out the flames and checked for any remaining hot spots. No residents were at the property at the time of the fire; however, several pigs being housed in the barn did not survive. The fire has been ruled accidental resulting from a heat source igniting nearby combustible materials.

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Apartment fire at W. 114th Place

North Metro Fire and Westminster Fire Department responded at 3:46 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, to an apartment complex at the 300 block of W. 114th Place in Northglenn. A fire was found in an apartment unit that was undergoing maintenance work. The maintenance worker, who self evacuated, reported the fire. Crews arrived to find smoke coming out of the unit. They quickly extinguished the fire, which originated in the utility closet, and searched for extension of the fire into other units. Damage was contained to the one unit, and no injuries were reported. The fire was ruled accidental and was caused by vapors from a finishing spray coming into contact with the water heater's pilot light and igniting nearby combustible materials.

Apartment fire at leasing office on Washington Street

On Tuesday at 7:40 p.m., North Metro Fire and Thornton Fire responded to a fire at an apartment complex's leasing office at the 11500 block of Washington St. in Northglenn. Staff had already left for the day when the fire erupted. When crews arrived smoke was showing from the structure. Crews entered the office and found the source within a wall. The fire was extinguished and contained to the area of origin. The cause was linked to an electrical issue within the wall.

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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 111,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld and Jefferson Counties.