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Multiple Fire Agencies Respond to Large Barn Fire in Weld County Dozens of restored classic cars destroyed in fire but no residents injured

Weld County, CO—North Metro Fire Rescue District and Mountain View Fire Protection District responded to a barn fire located at 3163 Lowell Lane in Weld County just north of Broomfield this morning.

A tenant on the property was working on a car when he heard an explosion around 9 a.m. He ran outside of the garage to see a nearby mobile home in flames and fire extending to a barn housing dozens of classic cars that were being restored.

Fire crews and officers from Broomfield Police and Weld County Sheriff's Office were on scene within minutes. Crews were able to keep the fire from spreading to other structures on the property, but the fire itself took more than 2 ½ hours to be fully extinguished. Approximately 39 of the vehicles were vintage Cadillacs and other makes, according to the owner. From initial reports, it was believed that at least eight cars were able to be saved. Fortunately, the mobile home was unoccupied and no one was injured in the incident.

Part of the challenge in extinguishing the fire resulted from a lack of access to fire hydrants and water sources in the rural area. Crews were able to utilize the water system at a nearby Broomfield housing development and a hydrant down Weld County Road 7. Other fire agencies brought water tender trucks that provided additional water to attack the fire.

The large fire took a collaborative effort from several area agencies to extinguish. In total, Mountain View Fire sent four fire engines, one ambulance and a water tender truck. North Metro Fire sent two ladder trucks, three fire engines and two ambulances. Lafayette Fire sent one fire engine, Brighton Fire sent a water tender truck, and Frederick-Firestone Fire sent another ambulance. Close to 50 firefighters and fire officers were on scene to fight the extensive fire.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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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.

Mountain View Fire Protection District

Mountain View Fire Rescue (MVFR) is a full service fire department providing both fire and emergency medical services. MVFR serves 184 square miles including Dacono, Del Camino, Erie, Mead, Niwot, and unincorporated areas of Boulder and Weld counties.