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51 AVENUE OLDS STRUCTURE FIRE

Olds, Alta. April 22, 2024 -- On Friday April 19, 2024, at 10:33 PM the Olds Fire Department was dispatched to reports of heavy smoke in the area of 51 Ave and 51 street.

Responding crews located a structure fire in the backalley portion of the building at 5025 51st street.

OFD responded with two engines, a rescue, an aerial ladder truck and command unit. A total of 17 firefighters were on scene managing the fire. Crews located the fire in an attached garage structure to the Olds Association of Community Living office building which contained a vehicle and various materials. The fire remained contained to that structure with aggressive fire attack tactics. There was smoke spread to the main building, but no fire damage occurred.

There were no injuries to firefighters during this incident, and damage estimates have not been made but will be extensive with contents and structure being affected.



Olds RCMP along with fire investigators determined that this fire was suspicious in nature at an early stage in the incident and have begun a comprehensive investigation as to the cause and circumstances. With this incident currently being investigated by the RCMP, no further comments will be made.

We ask that if the public has any information regarding this incident that could prove valuable to investigators, please contact the Olds RCMP or Crimestoppers.

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