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Lakeland Fire Department Responds to Commercial Building Fire

Lakeland, FL –

The Lakeland Fire Department responded to a commercial structure fire today at 5:19 PM inside Community Service Tire, located on 830 N. Wabash Avenue. Thick, black smoke could be seen rising up over west Lakeland as crews responded to the incident. Initial responding fire units found two commercial buildings approximately 60% involved in fire with flames quickly spreading to nearby piles of used tires. Both structures were severely compromised by the fire, forcing firefighters to extinguish the fire from the outside with use of large water streams.

The business was open and operational at the time of the fire. Thankfully, all occupants safely evacuated the building without injury after noticing the fire. Due to the volume of fire, additional fire units were called to the scene to support the incident. A total of 8 fire apparatuses responded with approximately 25 firefighters battling the blaze. No injuries were reported; however, three dogs were safely rescued and returned to their owner. The fire was declared under control at 6:45 PM. The cause of the fire remains under investigation at the present time.

Responding units were: Battalion Chief 2, Engine 41, Engine 11, Engine 31, Engine 71, Rescue 42, Tower 15, and Car 11.

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