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FIRE DAMAGES ORANGE COUNTY TRUCK REPAIR SHOP *Unionville Tire Service damaged by 2 alarm fire*

Orange County, VA – The Orange Volunteer Fire Company responded on February 16th, to a fire at 24109 Constitution Highway located in the Unionville district of Orange County. The Orange County 911 Center received multiple 911 calls around 7:15 PM reporting a vehicle fire outside the unoccupied business with flames spreading quickly. The business serves the busy Route 20 & Route 522 corridor as a large equipment and truck service repair shop. First arriving units, a County Fire & EMS supervisor arrived to find a road tractor well involved and quickly spreading to adjacent trucks and into the building. He quickly established command and struck a 2nd alarm. Orange Volunteer Fire Company's Engine 23 arrived minutes later and began an aggressive firefight on the vehicles and building which had become involved in flames at the roof.

Crews off the Engine Company forced entry into the building and began searching the spaces below the roof to commence further fire attack. With a well advanced fire above, crews were removed from the building and multiple aerial master streams were put into service to knock down the flames. A total of 8 fire departments from Orange, Culpeper and Spotsylvania counties worked for over 3 ½ hours to darken the flame and control the fire. Additional mutual aid assistance was provided by Spotsylvania and Madison counties to provide station coverage while companies worked at the fire scene. Over 18,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire.

Fire damage inside the building remained minimal and through the effort of aggressive actions by Incident Command and crews on scene were able to keep the fire away from the main garage of the business. The building sustained water damage but majority of the equipment inside was spared. Crews remained on scene to ensure the fire was fully extinguished until well past 11 PM.

The following companies responded to the fire: County of Orange Fire & EMS, Orange Volunteer Fire Company, Mine Run Volunteer Fire Company, Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire Company, Rapidan Volunteer Fire Company, Gordonsville Volunteer Fire Company, Barboursville Volunteer Fire Company, Culpeper Volunteer Fire Company Co. 1, Spotsylvania Fire Rescue Co. 9.

The fire remains under investigation by County of Orange County Fire & EMS. No damage report has been provided thus far. There were no injuries to civilians or first responders on the scene.

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