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AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SAVES ANOTHER BUSINESS IN LAS VEGAS

Store Was Closed When Fire Started

Automatic fire sprinklers saved another business in Las Vegas late Monday evening. The store was closed when the fire occurred. The fire was ruled accidental. There were no reported injuries during the incident.

Fire dispatchers received several 9-1-1 calls at 9:56 p.m. Monday that thick smoke was coming from the roof of Super Pawn at 5910 W. Lake Mead Blvd. (at Jones). Dispatchers were also notified from an alarm company that the automatic fire sprinkler system in the building activated.

When firefighters arrived, thick smoke blanketed the area reducing visibility greatly. It was difficult to determine exactly where the smoke was coming from. When firefighters entered the one story wood frame/stucco store, they found smoke inside the business, but no fire. The store was closed.

Firefighters went to the roof and found the fire inside the wall behind an electric sign on the front of the store. When firefighters cut a hole in the wall to check the progress of the fire, thick flames shot into the air making for an intense fire. Firefighters let the fire burn as crews from below worked to put the fire out. Pushing the flames down into the hole would have forced the fire to spread inside the store.

The wall was in the attic area of the store and flames burned through the wall. That activated two automatic fire sprinklers in the attic area and prevented the fire from entering the attic. The only place the fire could go was out the hole firefighters created and let the fire vent out. The fire was quickly brought under control.

Damage was confined to the wall on the front of the building and also in the attic area. There was minor water damage from the fire sprinklers. Damage was estimated at \$25,000.

Fire investigators determined that the fire started behind the sign in the wall, it was electrical in nature.

The store was closed at the time of the fire so no occupants were inside. There were no reported injuries.

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This is the second time in the past few weeks that a business was saved by fire sprinklers. Recently a Wal Mart on Nellis Boulevard caught fire in the garden section of the store in the middle of the night. That fire also was quickly doused by automatic fire sprinklers.

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