



LaPINE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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INCIDENT PRESS RELEASE

WHAT: Tractor Trailer Fire

WHEN: 02/28/23 @ 0910

WHERE: La Pine, OR (Just South of MP 168 on HWY 97)

WHY: Believed to be from a locked brake on rear axle

CONTACT PERSON: Captain Ty Miller (541) 536-2935

FIRE DISTRICT RESPONSE INFORMATION:

RESPONDING DEPARTMENTS: La Pine Rural Fire Protection District, Deschutes County Sheriffs Office, Oregon State Police and ODOT

APPARATUS: 112, 121 and 193

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL: 6 La Pine FD Firefighters and 1 Command Personnel

TOTAL TIME ON INCIDENT: 1 hour

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/PICTURES: La Pine Fire District responded to a Tractor/Trailer fire on HWY 97 in front of La Pine City Hall. Crews arrived and found flames and smoke coming from both of the rear axles and tires of the trailer, threatening the 49,000 pounds of compacted aluminum shavings the tractor trailer was hauling. Prior to La Pine units arriving OSP and DCSO personnel used fire extinguishers that helped slow the spread of the fire to the cargo. LPFD engine 121 arrived on scene and made initial attack and knock-down of the fire. "Crews made quick progress and prevented the fire from reaching the cargo on the trailer." The origin of fire was believed to be in the rear axel and spread to the tires after brakes had locked on the trailer. The driver had disconnected the tractor from the trailer load and parked at a safe distance away. Fortunately, La Pine Fire Crews from Station 101 were available nearby and not on other emergencies when the fire occurred. Had the fire reached the cargo it would have been an extended operation with a longer closure of HWY 97. Hwy 97 NB and SB lanes were only shut down temporarily while crews battled the fire. No injuries were sustained from the driver or first responders.





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