



# *Neosho, Missouri*

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## Neosho Fire Department Responds to Multi-Alarm Fire Incident

Neosho, MO – March 1st, 2024 – Yesterday afternoon, at approximately 2:50 p.m., the Neosho Fire Department swiftly responded to a reported grass fire in the area. What initially seemed to be a routine response quickly escalated as dispatch relayed additional information indicating a building and a vehicle were also on fire.

Upon arrival at 2:57 p.m., Neosho Fire Department units were met with a complex and rapidly evolving situation. The scene presented a multifaceted challenge with a grass fire, vehicle fire, trailer home blaze, and a large area of used tires all ablaze. The first responders were able to extinguish the trailer house and vehicle fires, then proceeded to split their actions to address the fires affecting the tires and grass. The intense heat from the tire fire caused a nearby metal building to catch fire, resulting in a total loss.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Mo DNR) was promptly notified and responded to assess any hazards posed by runoff from the incident. The fire is expected to continue burning for several days. However, the Neosho Fire Department will continue conducting regular checks to ensure the fire remains contained within the designated area. Following the recommendation of Mo DNR, the decision has been made to allow the fire to extinguish itself, mitigating the risk of water runoff and its potential impact on the local environment.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, with authorities diligently working to determine its origin and circumstances.

Mutual aid was requested and provided by several local agencies, including Diamond Fire, Stella Fire, Midway Fire, Granby Fire, East Newton Fire, Goodman Fire, Newton County Ambulance, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and Newton County Emergency Management.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication from our fire department and local agencies, the fire was successfully contained by 10:00 p.m. last night, averting further escalation and minimizing damage.

For further inquiries, please contact: Aaron Houk, Neosho Fire Chief at 417-451-8021.

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