



PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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Multiple Vehicles Catch Fire in Tow Yard in East Visalia

At approximately 9:30 p.m. Saturday evening, May 24, 2014 the Visalia Fire Department responded to a report of a possible commercial structure fire located at 1920 E. Mineral King Boulevard. The first fire unit that arrived observed heavy fire coming from behind the business Freedom Towing located at 1920 E. Mineral King Boulevard, but they went around the block to Main Street to check on a better access point to the fire. Fire units were able to access the fire utilizing a long driveway off of Mineral King that lead back to multiple vehicles on fire in a vehicle storage area owned by R & R Towing.

While the main body of fire was being knocked down, other fire crews were able to keep the fire from spreading to nearby businesses located in the 1800 block of East Main Street. No buildings caught on fire, but at one point they were threatened. Five fire units and one Battalion Chief responded for a total of 16 personnel.

The fire caused approximately \$29,000 in damage to 6 vehicles, one boat, and one utility tow trailer.

The exact cause of the fire is undetermined, but the area of origin was near a wrecked vehicle that had been towed into the storage yard yesterday afternoon.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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