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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Dumpster Fire Scorches Fresno Bee Building in Downtown Visalia

At approximately 12:40 a.m. Sunday morning, May 25, 2014 the Visalia Fire Department responded to a report of a dumpster fire that was threatening a structure.

The first fire unit that arrived observed heavy fire coming from a dumpster near the Fresno Bee building located at 525 W. Main Street in downtown Visalia. Fire units were able to quickly contain the fire and check the building for any possible extension from the fire.

There was some heat damage to a tarp an entrance to the building and some scorch marks to the stucco exterior which caused approximately \$2000 in damage. The entire property that was saved was worth approximately \$1,000,000.

Four fire units and one Battalion Chief responded for a total of 13 personnel.

The cause of the fire is undetermined and no suspects were identified.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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