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News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: PIO Mike Page
Date: 3-26-08
Address: 357 29 5/8 Road
Alarm Type: Structure Fire
Time Dispatched: 6:13 PM
Time on Scene: 6:25 PM
Control Time: 6:45 PM

The Grand Junction Fire Department responded to report of structure fire at 30 Road & C ³/₄ Road with 6 units and 15 personnel. First unit on scene found a pick-up truck with a camper, a car and a large pile of refuse on fire at 357 29 5/8 Road. The camper was being used as a home by an elderly gentleman on the property and he was able to escape from the camper without injury. Fire was controlled quickly although there were several exposures that were threatened due to the fire. Water was shuttled into the location using a water tender and the pile of refuse required a backhoe from the city to complete the extinguishment.

Cause of the fire is under investigation. It is unclear if the fire started outside or inside the camper. Loss is estimated at \$1500.00 to the truck and camper. The Department responded on 11-19-07 to this same location for an illegal burn and the occupant was told

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not to burn again. There were no injuries to firefighters due to the fire.

This is the time of year that burning is permitted for weeds or tree limbs under 1" in diameter. In order to burn you must acquire a permit from the fire agency that responds to your location. It is also the time of year that the weather can change quickly and winds can cause fires to get out of control. Paying attention to the weather and having extinguishment capability for not only what you are burning but where the fire can potentially spread is important. Burning within 50' of any structure is not allowed.

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