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News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Duncan Brown 244-1418
Date: April 15, 2008
Address: 7th and Colorado
Name of Business:
Alarm Type: Mulch/Landscape Material Fires
Time Dispatched:
Time on Scene:
Control Time:

Summary:

The Grand Junction Fire Department responded to two separate fires in the area of South 7th Street and Colorado Avenue. The first fire occurred at 1:29 P.M. this afternoon. Ladder 11 responded to this fire with five personnel. The landscape mulch material in the center median on 7th Street between Colorado and Ute Avenue was burning upon arrival of the Fire Department. Ladder 11 deployed hose lines and extinguished the fire. This fire burned approximately 150 feet of landscaping in the center median. City Parks personnel also responded to determine damage to the landscaped area. The damage from this fire included lanscape plants,

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mulch, landscape fabric and sprinklers. The damage estimate for this fire is \$2500.00 .

The Grand Junction Fire department responded to a second fire in this area at 4:35 P.M. This fire was in landscape material between Ute and Colorado Avenue on 7th Street in the landscape mulch on the east side of 7th Street.

Ladder 11 responded with 5 personnel and rapidly extinguished this fire.

Damage was limited to a landscape plant and mulch. Damage is estimated at \$250.00 .

Fire personnel on scene did not determine a cause for these fires, but do not feel these fires were intentional, suspicious or related. It is possible these fires may have been the result of a combination of very dry conditions, extremely fine and dry landscape bark material, hot temperatures, very high winds and carelessly discarded smoking materials.

The Grand Junction Fire department would like to remind all citizens to be aware of the conditions and do not burn in high winds or other hazardous conditions. Please discard all smoking materials appropriately and carefully.

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