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News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Acting Battalion Chief Mike Kelley 986-0042
Date: 06-02-2007
Address: 2701 Hwy 50
Name of Business: Thunder Mountain Tavern
Alarm Type: Structure Fire
Time Dispatched: 0641
Time on Scene: 2 Hours
Control Time: 0724

Summary:

The Grand Junction Fire department responded to a report of a structure fire at a commercial building. Initial reports were there was fire showing. Engine 14 arrived and found active fire on the south side of the building. It appeared to have extended into the building. E-14 Made initial attack with an 1 1/2 hoseline. Ladder-11 arrived next and assisted E-14 with suppression and forcible entry efforts. They also used an 1 1/2 hoseline to go inside the building with. E-13 arrived next and was assigned as RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) When Engine 12 arrived they were assigned to the roof. They laddered the roof and took an 1 1/2 hoseline onto the roof. Ambulance -11 was also assigned to this fire to stand by for any injuries. The fire was

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tough to get to because of several years of remodels, one roof was built over another that was built over another. The fire was between the roofs. When this occurs it is common to have extensive fire damage since it takes so long to access the hidden fire. The fire crews did an excellent job in rapidly opening the roofs and minimizing the fire loss.

We had 4 Engine companies, one ambulance, one Battalion Chief and one investigator on the fire for a total of 20 personnel.

The cause is under investigation.

Mike Kelley

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