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News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: PIO Mike Page
Date: 6-17-07
Address: Multiple Locations North & East of
Lincoln Park
Alarm Type: Car & Dumpster Fires
Time Dispatched: 1st Call 4:13 AM

The Grand Junction Fire Department & Grand Junction Police Department responded to a significant number of car, dumpster and trash fires early this morning. We are currently looking at 9 separate vehicle fires and 2 other non-vehicle fires in the area North & West of Lincoln Park and anticipate the number of fires may increase with time.

Call Locations:

15th & Elm dispatched at 4:13 AM on vehicle fire.
12th & Belford dispatched 4:59 AM on vehicle fire.
1151 Belford Ave dispatched 5:05 AM on vehicle fire that also involved a structure.
1319 North 16th 6:10 AM dispatched on vehicle fire.
Several other incidents were located in the 1400 block of Kennedy where the fires did not require an engine to respond.

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The Grand Junction Police & Fire are jointly investigating this incident. It is very likely that residents in this area will discover other fires that were started but did not create a response. We would like people to call the non-emergent dispatch number 242-6707 for an investigative response and not disturb the evidence as much as possible. If anyone has any information about these incidents they should call the non-emergent number ASAP.

There were no injuries due to the fires. Four fire units and several PD units were involved in the responses. Damage for all of the fires is estimated at over \$20,000.00. Cause of the fires is still under investigation by the GJFD & GJPD.

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