



Hobbs Fire Department
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Follow up report:

10-14-09

Incendiary Fire Destroys 21,000 Square Foot Warehouse

At approximately 12:53 pm on 10/9/09 the Hobbs Fire Department responded to a Commercial structure fire located at 501 South Leech.

Upon fire crews arrival a significant amount of the building was already consumed by the fire and structural stability in question therefore fire crews established a defensive fire attack.

It took several hours for the fire department to extinguish the blaze and no injuries to residents or firefighters were reported.

Road closures and evacuations of nearby businesses were performed by Hobbs Police Department due to the large amounts of smoke.

Electrical power lines were damaged by heat and fire and resulted in power outage to several businesses and residents.

After a thorough investigation which was conducted by both Hobbs Police detectives and Hobbs Fire investigators two minors from our community were questioned as possible suspects.

Based on the all the evidence gathered the minors confessed to their involvement in setting the fire that burned the warehouse.

Both parties were charged with arson and referred to the Juvenile Probation Parole Office. For additional information contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 575-391-8158.

