

OUTBUILDING FIRE DESCHUTES MARKET RD 6-10-24 (PHOTO)

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Bend Fire Department was dispatched to a reported outbuilding on fire on Deschutes Market Rd just north of the city limits at 9:12 this morning. Callers indicated the fire was spreading to out buildings and brush. The outbuilding was being used as a residence for one adult occupant. Occupants from the main home were using garden hoses to help prevent the spread when crews arrived. The fire was quickly stopped by the first arriving fire crews. No one was home in this building at the time of the fire, the occupant was at work and came back when he heard of the fire.

The fire appears to be caused by an electrical failure in the outbuilding. Power was run to the 12 by 12 building with an extension cord. Due to the fire damage the exact failure point was not determined. The fire consumed the outbuilding and car next to it. The fire spread to adjacent outbuildings but only caused exterior damage to them. Total loss is approximately \$25,000. Red Cross was called to assist the adult occupant who lost his home and all belongings in the fire.

Bend Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke alarms in their homes, whether it's a tiny home, main house or RV. Smoke alarms more than double your chances of surviving a fire with their quick notification especially with the increased speed at which items burn in a home now. For assistance with your smoke alarms call our main number to set up a visit, 541-322-6300. www.bendoregon.gov/smokealarms

National statistics show that a house fire 40 years ago took up to 20 minutes to consume a room during the early stages of a fire and that same room today with modern furniture and decorations takes less than 5 minutes to burn. <https://www.nfpa.org/news-blogs-and-articles/nfpa-journal/2021/06/08/1700>

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