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Update; 10-31-22: 890 E. Ginghamsburg Road

On 10-30-2022 at 3:57 PM, Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services (TCFES) responded to 890 E. Ginghamsburg Road in Monroe Township, Miami County. A fire that was started at a neighbor's residence as an outside/open fire for debris and waste disposal, leaf and vegetation burning, had spread to a building on the JL Wood Products property. The current low fuel moisture levels played a pivotal role in this situation. The reporting person advised dispatch that he thinks the fire is out, but needs the structure checked out.

The fire was called in as a field fire. Upon arrival TCFES crews upgraded the situation to a Structure Fire due to witnessing thick brown smoke under pressure venting from the eaves of the building. The origin of the fire was in the right rear corner of the structure with 20% of the interior of the building on fire. Crews began extinguishment with a hose line. The facility was closed for business, no members of JL Wood Products were in danger during the fire. No injuries were reported to responding personnel.

No fire hydrants are located within 1,000 feet of the facility. Water had to be shuttled in by tankers. The crews on scene worked diligently to extinguish the fire. The fire was under control by 5:09 PM. Salvage and overhaul were conducted until 6:22PM. All crews released at 6:30PM.

West Milton, Bethel, Vandalia, Casstown and all off duty TCFES personnel were requested to respond to the scene. Miami County Sheriff's Deputies were utilized for traffic control and locating all the neighbors. AES was called to secure power to the effected building.

The fire is unintentional. The cause of the fire is opening burning of leaves and vegetation in low humidity and extremely dry conditions. The original fire spread an estimated 200 feet to the building that was on fire.

The estimated cost damage to the building is \$35,000 and \$15,000 to the contents.

Please refer to the requirements set forth by the Ohio EPA and the local Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA).

Open burning and the burning of Agricultural Waste is regulated in the State of Ohio by the Ohio EPA see: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/air-pollution-control/permitting/open-burning> and locally by the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, see:

<https://www.rapca.org/programs/open-burning-permissions> Some more information on burning:

[file:///C:/Users/hallerc/Downloads/open%20burning%20terms%20and%20conditions%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/hallerc/Downloads/open%20burning%20terms%20and%20conditions%20(2).pdf)

Agricultural waste is defined as wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but does not include buildings, land clearing waste, dead animals or animal waste.

On 10-30-2022 at 3:57 PM, Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services (TCFES) responded to 890 E. Ginghamburg Road, for a report of a field fire that is getting close to a building. Upon arrival crews found a building owned by JL Wood Products on fire.

Mutual aid units were summoned and all TCFES personnel were recalled. The fire was contained to one building on the JL Wood Products complex.

More information will be released as soon as possible.

No injuries were reported at the time of this release.