



## City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Two fires keep firefighters busy Sunday afternoon**

##### **Verde Heights residence spared. Classic car, ATVs and Shed destroyed by fire**

Cottonwood Fire Department responded at 1:48 pm to a residence on North Verde Heights Drive to a report of a car and shed on fire that was threatening the residence. Flames and a billowing cloud of black smoke could be seen by responding fire personnel.

On arrival, crews forced entry through a yard gate to gain access to the fully involved shop, carport and vehicles. Two fire hose lines were deployed and quickly brought the fire under control sparing the residence located 15 feet to the north.

The owners of the residence were not home at the time of the fire. Damage estimates are \$2,000 for the structure and \$23,000 for the 1960's Nova and ATVs and other contents.

Cottonwood Fire Department responded with two fire engines, an air support Truck and the Fire Marshal. Additional support was received from Clarkdale Fire District Engine and Verde Valley Ambulance Company.



##### **Fry's Food store evacuated during roof fire**

Cottonwood Fire Department responded at 5:35 pm to multiple reports of smoke and flames from the roof at Fry's Food store located at 1100 Highway 260.

Upon arrival fire crews found smoke and flames coming from the roof line of the entry façade located at the front of the store. Firefighters found light smoke in the upstairs office area and the store was evacuated with assistance from Cottonwood Police.

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Additional fire crews created a hole in the ceiling and removed roof tiles from the façade to gain access to the fire and extinguish it. A large ventilation fan was taken upstairs to blow the smoke out of the structure.

There were no injuries. The store was closed for a little over an hour and fire damage to the structure is estimated at \$10,000. Cottonwood Fire Department responded with two fire engines, the air support



Truck, Fire Chief and Fire Marshal. An Engine from Verde Valley Fire assisted on scene while a Ladder from Sedona Fire District also responded. Clarkdale Fire moved there engine up to stand by for additional emergency calls across the greater Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Verde Village area.

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