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Fire Strikes Fredericktown Business

FREDERICKTOWN – A fire struck the Fluid Recovery Inc. business at 10439 Sparta Road this morning in Fredericktown. The initial call came from a passerby on State Route 13 who dialed 911, which summoned a response from the Fredericktown Community Fire District. The initial report from Fire Chief Scott Mast was “there were flames showing in the structure.” The first fire engine was on scene in five minutes and two pairs of firefighters began working their way into the structure to bring the blaze under control. As other units arrived to the scene some firefighters were assigned to distributing spill pads on the ground to limit the amount of run-off of the chemicals from the scene.

Water supply was setup at a hydrant on Columbus Road in front of the Fredericktown Veterinary Clinic and shuttled across to the scene. Firefighters responded additional equipment to deliver additional hazardous material “spill pads” and firefighting foam to help contain the incident.

The business Fluid Recovery, which is owned by Kevin Adams, handles a large amount of used motor oil and anti-freeze. For that reason the decision was made to contact Larry Hatton, the Director of the Knox County Homeland Security. Upon arrival of Hatton, the decision was made to contact the Ohio EPA due to the unknown quantity and the materials involved. EPA official Mike Dalton arrived on the scene and began to work with fire officials and the business owner to determine the cleanup needs. Ohio EPA will continue to work with the owner to complete the cleanup satisfactorily.

By the time the incident was placed under control, firefighters had used an estimated 7000 gallons of water mixed with firefighting foam. Firefighters were on scene for three hours and had close to four hours of cleanup time at the station. Any equipment, including hoses, fire gear, trucks, and air packs had to be thoroughly cleaned. A total of 16 firefighters responded to the incident.

Fredericktown Fire Investigators returned to the scene after daybreak to continue looking for the cause of the fire. At this time, the fire still remains under investigation and the origin is unknown.

For more information about the Fredericktown Community Fire District you can visit their website at www.fredericktownfire.net

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