



GREAT FALLS FIRE RESCUE

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GREAT FALLS FIRE RESCUE FIRE INFORMATION RELEASE

Great Falls, MT – Over the Christmas weekend, GFFR responded to a series of dumpster/debris fires and grass/brush fires in the downtown area. On the night of December 23, 2023, at 7:50 pm GFFR responded to a grass/brush fire that was near the railroad tracks behind the Children’s Museum. When Engine 1 arrived on scene, they found a small fire that was five foot by five foot. Engine 1 quickly extinguished the fire. The fire caused minor damage to a tree and fence.

At the same time as Engine 1 was addressing the fire behind the Children’s Museum, GFFR was dispatched to another fire that had occurred behind Tracy’s restaurant. E2 arrived on scene to find a new restaurant cooler on a pallet had been burned. The cooler on the pallet was protected by cardboard, which someone attempted to burn. There was no damage done to the cooler. While investigating the fire GFFR found, that an individual had intentionally placed a propane tank next to the pallet as it burned. GFFR and GFFPD were able to watch surveillance footage of the alley, where a male was seen coming and going multiple times during the time of the fire.

Last night at 8:01 pm, Engine 3 responded to a fire in a dumpster fire behind Times Square. Engine 3 was able to keep the fire contained to the dumpster. Two hours after the fire occurred in the dumpster, GFFR was dispatched to a grass fire on the Rivers Edge Trail near the tennis courts. GFFPD was on scene and directed Engine 1 to the fire, which had burned a five foot by thirty-foot section of vegetation along the trail. The crew from Engine 1 utilized GFFR’s Brush truck to access the trail and extinguish the fire.

In the case of all of these fires, an ignition source could not be found, and the cause of the fires remain under investigation by GFFR and GFFPD.

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