

ROSEBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

Date/Time of Incident: September 28, 2008 @ 4:54 p.m.

Location of Incident: 1472 N.W. Troost

Type of Incident: Exterior Structure Fire

Summary:

Firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire after a neighbor noticed a fire burning behind a residence at 1472 NW Troost. After confirming with the residents that they were not burning anything, this same neighbor began extinguishing the fire with a garden hose. Firefighters arrived and finished putting the fire out.

Fire investigators were unable to determine the cause of the fire, however the fire appeared to have started inside a potted plant. The fire caused some minor damage to the exterior of the residence. The estimated loss was \$1,000. Eight on duty fire fighters and two chief officers responded to the scene. Douglas County Fire District No. 2 also sent one ambulance to the scene.

The Roseburg Fire Department wants to offer the following information regarding potting soil fires.

- Do not use old planter pots that contain potting soil as an ashtray.
- Keep an ashtray in areas where someone might be smoking around potted plants.
- If you have dead plants in pots in and around your home, discard them properly.
- Keep your plants well watered and maintained.
- If you keep your potting soil in your garage or on your deck, do not leave it near any combustible material.

Date/Time Released: September 29, 2008 @ 7:00 a.m.

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