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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Brush Fire Threatens Area Businesses**

DALLAS, Oregon (09/25/2024)

A fast moving brush fire occurred in the afternoon hours of Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. At approx. 1:30 pm a 911 call was made about a possible fire in the area behind the Dallas High School football field. As more 911 calls were received it became apparent that this was not a small fire. Responding units quickly upgraded the response to a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm to bring in more outside resources.

First arriving units had difficulty making access to the fire due to some confusion on its exact location. A fence at the football field was cut to make initial immediate access to the fire and protect nearby structures. As more resources arrived, units were able to find direct access off of Holman Avenue and made a direct attack of the fire.

Dallas Fire and EMS Chief April Wallace states: "This fire had some significant potential to spread quickly and effect multiple area businesses, homes and school property. Our staff and neighboring agencies did a great job in aggressively fighting this fire and keeping it from spreading any further."

The size of the fire was determined to be just under 2 acres. The current cause of the fire is under investigation by Dallas Fire and EMS and Dallas Police Department. Anyone with any information is urged to reach out to Dallas Police Department.

As a reminder, Fire Season is still in effect and fuels are still dry. Use caution when mowing dry grass or driving through tall dry grass.



We want to thank our neighboring agencies and businesses for their help with this fire:

- SW Polk Fire District
- Polk County Fire District #1
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Dallas Police Department
- Evcor Metal Fabrication



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