



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT YOKOHAMA TIRE

1500 INDIANA ST.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at Yokohama Tire Corporation this morning, at approximately 11:40 a.m. The affected area of the building was evacuated while fire crews extinguished the blaze and one Yokohama employee was injured during the fire.

The first unit arrived within six minutes of receiving the call and found moderate smoke coming from one side of the building. Interior crews found a fire in a machine on the first floor that had spread to the second floor. The fire was held to the machine and the duct work that was attached to it, but the blaze was difficult to extinguish due to a lack of accessibility. One Yokohama employee was transported to HCA Lewis-Gale Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Approximately 25 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Tower 1, Haz-Mat 1, Medic 801, and Medic 803) and Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department (Air 9) responded to the call. A Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department engine covered additional calls until off-duty personnel could be called in.

Crews are expected to be on the scene conducting salvage and overhaul operations for the next few hours. The fire began in ductwork that was attached to a machine and the cause was determined to be accidental. A total damage estimate is not available at this time.

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