



Dallas Fire-Rescue News Release



RELEASE DATE		TIME	PUBLIC INFORMATION CONTACTS	
June 28, 2005		06:00 p.m.	LT. Joel Lavender/Capt. Jesse Garcia Jdgarc@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us	
INCIDENT DATE		INCIDENT TIME	Ph# 214-670-7949 Fax# 214-670-0669 Pager 214-670-4115 Pin # 9885	
June 28, 2005		11:25 a.m.		
INCIDENT LOCATION		OCCUPANCY TYPE	STRUCTURAL LOSS	CONTENTS LOSS
7500 Park Ln.		Commercial	\$2,000,000	Undetermined
TOTAL FIREFIGHTERS	FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	CIVILIAN INJURIES	CIVILIAN FATALITIES	TOTAL HEAVY FIRE APPARATUS
130	0	0	0	26
TOTAL RESCUE AMBULANCES				
2	0	0	0	0
ALARMS		INCIDENT CAUSE		
1 st alarm: 11:25 a.m.; 2 nd alarm: 11:30 a.m.; 3 rd alarm: 11:45 a.m.; 4 th alarm: 11:52 a.m.; 5 th alarm: 12:20 p.m.; 6 th alarm: 01:05 p.m.; Out Taps: 02:31 p.m.		Under Investigation		

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

Biblical Arts Center Ravaged by 6-Alarm Fire

Late this morning, a fire was reported at the Biblical Arts Center while a small group of visitors toured the building. First arriving crews reported seeing heavy smoke coming from the gray concrete building and a progression of alarms began to take place. A 6th alarm was transmitted 90 minutes into the fire, bringing in Firefighters from as far away as East Dallas to fight the hot fire occurring in the north central area of Dallas. At the peak of the fire, approximately 130 firefighters battled the fire as outside temperatures neared 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

As the fire subsided, many firefighters began to carry out various pieces of sculptures and paintings in an attempt to spare them from further damage. At this hour, many more pieces of art are being carried out by fire crews assigned to salvage and overhaul operations. Several of these pieces of artwork are considered to be priceless. For this reason, an exact loss amount of the contents of the building could not be tabulated.

Despite the intensity of the fire and the scorching temperatures, Firefighters were spared from heat-related illnesses thanks to the continuous rotating of crews and the efforts of the Box 4 Fire Buffs organization. Box 4 members worked feverishly to keep firefighters, police officers, and civilians adequately hydrated. Unfortunately, one of their members was overcome with heat exhaustion. However, he was treated and released on the scene by DFR Paramedics.

Fire Investigators will continue to interview witnesses and employees who were inside the building at the time of the fire. They are calling this fire suspicious and are interviewing a “person of interest” that has recently emerged. However, Fire Investigators have not officially ruled on the cause of this fire.

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