



# Media Release

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## Kokanee Creek Area Structure Fire Quickly Contained

Nelson BC: The Balfour Harrop Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure Fire close to Kokanee Creek Provincial Park at approximately 8:00 am this morning after receiving a call from a local resident.

The fire had taken over a small automotive shop located on private property. With the assistance of the North Shore and the City of Nelson Fire Department, 21 responders had the fire completely extinguished within two hours. BC wildfire service MOTI, RCMP, BCAS also attended to support the incident. Some trees surrounding the property were charred by the fire and the building had to be torn down to ensure there were no remaining embers that could potentially re-ignite. As of 11:30 this morning, there was no smoke and no danger remaining.

Pat Hergott, Balfour Harrop Fire Chief, who led the response, commented on the use of FireSmart wildfire risk mitigation efforts in place at the neighbouring home. "The fire wasn't able to spread to the neighbouring residence, thanks to the 20 feet of rock surrounding the home. This is a great example of how implementing FireSmart recommendations at your home can make a significant difference in preventing the spread of fire and protecting your property in a situation like this."

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