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### **Campbell River fire fighters respond to York Rd. and Dogwood St. fires**

No injuries were reported, but there is smoke and water damage in a storage locker room and adjacent living units after a fire in a multi-unit apartment building in the 300 block of Dogwood St. earlier today.

*“At 9:45 a.m., Campbell River fire crews responded to a report of alarms ringing and fire inside a multi-unit apartment building, and they arrived to find a smoke-filled hallway on the first floor with an active fire inside a storage locker room at the end of that hallway,” says deputy fire chief Chris Vrabel. “A water sprinkler suppression system had activated and prevented a much more serious situation, which enabled the entry crew to quickly knock down the remaining fire.”*

The majority of residents were allowed back into the building by 11:30 a.m.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time.

At 3:16 p.m. on Saturday, July 2 the Campbell River Fire Department received a request for assistance from the Oyster River Fire Department to fight a structure fire in the 3900 block of York Road. Campbell River Fire responded with one engine, one water tender and one chief officer.

*“A carriage house over a workshop was on fire, and our primary role was to assist in shuttling water to the scene, which was more than four kilometres from the closest fire hydrant,” explains Vrabel. “We also helped augment their firefighting operations, which had our crews operating side by side on the fire ground.”*

The two fire departments have had a mutual aid agreement in place for a number of years. Over those years the Oyster River Fire Department has assisted Campbell River by sending a water tender to assist with a number of brush and wildland fires within the city. In turn, Campbell River has assisted with a number of structure fires when needed.

*“We have a good working relationship, and we appreciate knowing we can request their help whenever necessary,” Vrabel adds.*

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