



FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Incident Location: 9852 Westminster Avenue
Time: 12:13 p.m.

FIRE AT MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT FORCES EVACUATION

Fire fighters responded to 9852 Westminster Avenue shortly after 12:00 p.m. today for a reported commercial structure fire. The first-arriving engine reported heavy smoke showing from a McDonald's Restaurant with people seen running out of the business. The crew ensured all customers and employees were evacuated, and initiated an attack of the fire. Fire fighters used a thermal imaging camera which led them to the fire in the basement. The fire was knocked down in 14 minutes. There was no report of injury to occupants or fire fighters. The cause of the fire is determined to be accidental due to a malfunctioning electrical line. Fire damage is estimated to be approximately four to five hundred thousand dollars to the structure. It is unknown how much was lost in merchandise. Assistance was provided by the Orange County Fire Authority. Officials from the Garden Grove building department and the Orange County Healthcare Agency were also on scene due to structural and food damage.

All Garden Grove Fire Department units are equipped with a thermal imaging camera. They are vital when fire fighters have limited time to get to trapped victims. In addition, the cameras can show fire fighters hidden fires not visible in plain sight.

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