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Structure Fire at 13308 Juniper Rd

On September 17, 2024 at 18:29 multiple 911 calls were received by Fall River County Dispatch in regards to a structure fire on Juniper Rd. South Dakota Wildland Battalion 500 who was already in the vicinity of Maverick Jct, was the first on scene and advised structure fully involved with several vehicles in its path. The wind driven fire also threatened nearby structures. The Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Department who was initially paged out to respond, arrived on scene shortly after and began requesting additional resources to assist.

The structure fire, located at 13308 Juniper Lane, was a 30 x 66ft storage building filled with Styrofoam, glue, oil and other materials that made fighting the fire and toxic smoke hazardous to responders. The thick smoke also became a traffic hazard for those traveling on Hwy 79 and Fall River Rd. Hot Springs Police Officers and the Fall River County Sheriff's Office responded for traffic control as well as to notify nearby residents of the possibility of evacuation.

The owner of the property is listed as Carla and Steve Simunek.

The fire was extinguished, and the scene released at 23:14. Firefighters from Minnekahta and Oral Volunteer Fire Departments also assisted in the fire suppression. The Hot Springs Ambulance was also on scene as a precautionary measure.

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