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STRUCTURE FIRE IN NEWPORT CLOSES HIGHWAY 101 TEMPORARILY

At approximately 5:48 A.M., on August 4, 2016, Willamette Valley Communications Center received a report of a fire at the City Center Motel, located at 538 SW Coast Highway in Newport. The caller reported that one room was on fire.

The motel was reported to be fully engulfed in flames. Fire personnel began to evacuate the motel and suppress the fire. The fire continued to spread and additional resources were dispatched to the scene. Fire apparatus and personnel from Toledo, Depoe Bay, North Lincoln, Seal Rock, Waldport, and Yachats responded to assist.

Fire personnel conducted an initial sweep of the motel and did not locate any persons. Three guests were transported to Good Samaritan Hospital; two with minor injuries and were treated and released. One guest was admitted for burns and smoke inhalation, and is being transported to the Legacy Emmanuel Burn Center.

Guests at the Days Inn, south of the City Center Motel were evacuated as the fire spread to the north part of the Days Inn complex. Temporary shelter was established at the Newport Armory. Red Cross responded to the scene to assist with displaced guests. Highway 101 was closed and traffic diverted around the fire scene. The highway will remain closed for several hours while fire personnel continue to suppress the fire.

Due to the amount of water being used to suppress the fire, users of Newport water may notice a dirty color to the water. The water is safe to drink. Newport Public Works will monitor the city's water and will flush water lines as needed.

Updates will be provided when additional information is available.

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