

TO: All MediaThursday, May 7th, 2015For Immediate Release

Newport firefighters got more than they planned for during a live fire training drill Wednesday evening. Training was scheduled for 6:00 pm to burn two hotel rooms for fire investigation training. Just before they could get started, firefighters were dispatched to an actual fire on the Bay road.

Newport Fire Department was dispatched to a report of smoke in the area of Yaquina Bay Road and John Nye Road at about 5:45 last night. Several 911 callers reported a column of dark smoke coming from the woods. The first-in fire engine crew saw a dark smoke column from the Yaquina Bay Bridge. Upon arrival the crew found a 38 foot travel trailer fully engulfed in flames in the 700 block of John Nye road. Fire suppression efforts were hampered by a locked gate to the property and the lack of fire hydrants in the area. Fire crews remained on scene for several hours to perform a thorough overhaul.

Newport Fire Department responded with 3 fire engines, a 3000 gallon water tender, and 13 personnel. An additional 10 firefighters were available at the station. Toledo Fire Department responded to the scene each with a water tender and crew. Lincoln County Sherriff's Office deputies also assisted.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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