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## **Commercial Fire 300 Block of NE 1st Street**

At 11:42 AM on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Newport Fire Department was dispatched to a report of smoke in a structure at an office operated by Charter Communications, located at 355 NE 1<sup>st</sup> St. Upon arrival, fire units observed a moderate level of smoke inside the building.

Fire crews established a water supply and searched for the source of the smoke. A preliminary investigation led to the discovery of a bathroom ceiling fan that had caught fire and self-extinguished. Fortunately, no injuries were reported, and there was minimal damage to the facility beyond smoke damage.

The official cause of fire has been determined to be overheating of the bathroom ceiling fan. The investigation was conducted jointly with Newport Fire Department, and the Department of the State Fire Marshal. NFD would like to remind people to either turn off all ceiling fans or install a timer switch.

Newport Fire Department received mutual aid response from Depoe Bay Fire District, Toledo Fire Department, and Seal Rock Fire District. Additional assistance was provided by Pacific West Ambulance, Newport Police Department, and the Dept. of State Fire Marshal. Newport Fire Department responded with two fire engines, one ladder truck, one chief officer and eight firefighters.

For more information, contact the Newport Fire Department at 541-265-9461.

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