



**THE CITY OF REDMOND  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## Press Release

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### **Business fire quickly extinguished**

At 4:34 a.m. on September 21, 2004, the Redmond Fire Department received a fire alarm activation from a business park located in the 16700 Block of Redmond Way, in Redmond. Redmond Fire units began arriving at 4:37 a.m. and found a strip mall with smoke coming from the eaves. First arriving firefighters requested additional help and began the search of the strip mall for the seat of the fire. Firefighters had to gain entry and extinguished a fire in one of the middle businesses. Due to the rapid knockdown of fire, Redmond Fire Department is proud to report that the five other businesses will be open for business today.

Three engine companies, one truck company, two emergency medical vehicles, one battalion chief, and several staff members responded to the scene, for a total of 22 personnel.

Redmond Fire Department has two Investigators on the scene to determine the cause of the fire.

The rapid response of firefighters limited the fire damage to one business before it extended into the attic and adjacent businesses. Damage to the interior of the structure is estimated to be \$20,000 with approximately \$3,000 in smoke damage.

#### **SAFETY TIP from the Redmond Fire Department:**

- The automatic fire alarm system alerted firefighters in the initial fire stage which assisted in the rapid knockdown of fire before it extended to adjacent businesses. An automatic sprinkler system would have extinguished this fire in the incipient stage before it engulfed the business.

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