PRESS RELEASE

Machine Fire Damages local Business – No injuries reported

The Warren Fire Department would like to provide an update regarding a fire which damaged a local business last night. On 05/16/2024 at approximately 11:30 pm, the Warren Fire Department was dispatched to MPC Metallurgical Processing on Warner near 9 Mile for a commercial fire alarm. Fire crews arrived on scene in approximately 5 minutes wherein employees of the company met them outside of the building. The employees advised that a machine inside the building was currently on fire. All employees had safely evacuated from the building prior to the arrival of the Warren Fire Department. Fire crews quickly entered the building and confirmed no other employees were inside. Fire crews then located the machine that was on fire and brought the fire under control while other crews worked to extinguish the roof which was also partially on fire. In total, fire department personnel were on scene for just over one hour working to extinguish the fire. Members of the Detroit Arsenal (TACOM) Fire Department also responded to the scene to assist with the firefighting efforts.

A preliminary investigation into the cause and origin of the fire shows that a forklift operator at the business accidentally struck a hydraulic line inside the building. This impact caused hydraulic fluid to leak and spray on several surfaces, including an industrial machine which caught fire. The machine fire then lead the fire to travel to the roof of the business. Warren Fire Department personnel had the fire under control in under 30 minutes. Thankfully, no injuries to any employees or firefighters were reported. The building sustained moderate damage. Fire Investigators are on site at the building today (05/17/2024) to conduct a follow up investigation regarding the cause and origin of the fire. As of now, all indications are that this fire appears accidental in nature.

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