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Automotive Restoration Business Fire

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On Saturday, January 19th at 7:09 a.m., the Coos Bay Fire Department responded to a reported fire located at 1666 NW Ocean Blvd., Coos Bay. Upon arrival, firefighters found smoke coming from a 30' x 90' metal building. After the firefighters entered the structure, they were able to extinguish the fire. The building had a large amount of flammable compressed gases and flammable liquids which did cause concern to firefighters. However, neither of these products caused any additional damages.

The structure is owned by Ms. Sherry Van Elsberg of North Bend, and the occupant of the building is Mr. Rodger Karr of Coos Bay who was operating the business as Karr's Cars an automotive restoration.

Fire officials could not determine the cause of the fire. However, it is believed to be accidental in nature. The damage to the structure is listed at \$50,000.00 and the contents damage at \$25,000.

There were 22 firefighters who responded to the blaze with three fire engines and three support vehicles. The firefighters remained on sight for two hours and twenty-three minutes. The Fire Department was assisted on the scene by Coos Bay Police and Bay Cities Ambulance - no injuries were reported. For more information call Fire Chief Stan Gibson at 541-269-1191.

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