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(Firefighters Save Sherwood Business)

An aggressive fire attack by firefighters saved a Sherwood business over the weekend. Last Saturday at 2:40 pm, TVF&R crews were dispatched to a reported fire at the Sherwood Auto Body located at 13985 SW Tualatin Sherwood Road. They arrived to find heavy flames on the exterior of the building and fire beginning to penetrate the glass doors of the business.

Public Information Officer Karen Eubanks states, "Firefighters waged an aggressive fire attack, extinguishing the fire before it spread into the building." At the time of the fire, several vehicles were parked inside the building. Eubanks added, "By the nature of its business, an auto body shop contains tremendous fuel load (gasoline, motor oil, paint, etc.). Had firefighters not extinguished the fire before it breached the exterior wall, this would have been a serious situation."

The manager of the business was the only occupant in the building at the time of the fire. Working in his office, he was unaware of the fire but escaped without injury after a neighboring business contacted him by phone. A vehicle parked next to the building sustained some damage from radiant heat. Fire damage to the building and car is estimated at \$1,000.

The fire was reported to 9-1-1 by employees at the Sherwood DMV and passing motorists. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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