



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Investigation Continues Into Pussycats Club Fire**

Investigators continue to look into the cause of a large fire that broke out at Pussycats Beaverton located at 10024 SW Canyon Road, around 6:43 pm on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. As is often standard protocol on a large commercial fire, TVF&R asked the responsible law enforcement agency (Washington County Sheriff's Office) to assist in the investigation. Investigators spent Monday and Tuesday conducting interviews and examining the charred remains of the business. Public Information Officer Karen Eubanks states, "It is not uncommon to bring in an extra set of eyes and hands on a fire like this."

The damaged strip club is one of several businesses located in a strip mall owned by Abbas Massih. The Pussycats strip club is owned by Benjamin Grant Cunningham. The fire caused an estimated loss of \$65,000 to the older wood-frame building and contents.

Businesses such as Pussycats have historically not been required to be inspected annually as part of TVF&R's inspection program. However, as a safety precaution following this fire, TVF&R plans to inspect the adjacent businesses in this strip mall, as well as similar establishments located elsewhere in Washington County.

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