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2-Alarm Building Fire at Local Business

Business located in the middle of a strip mall off N East Street experiences a 2-Alarm Fire

FREDERICK, MD (September 7, 2022) – At 2:23 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 Frederick County Emergency Communications Center dispatched a call for a reported building fire at 918 N East Street in Frederick. An officer from Frederick Police Department was first to arrive on scene and confirmed that there was fire showing from the rear roof area within a strip mall. Within minutes, crews arrived on the scene of Potomac Tile & Carpet located in the center of The Monocacy Village Shopping Center where they began setting up operations and assessing additional resource needs. A rapid intervention dispatch was requested as crews worked to extinguish the fire. Fire continued to spread leading to a partial roof collapse, initiating a building evacuation and request for a second-alarm.

Over 75 personnel worked for over 3 hours to declare the fire out, extinguish hotspots and perform overhaul. Crews were able to keep the fire from spreading to any adjoining businesses and no injuries were noted.

The Frederick County Fire Marshal's Office in conjunction with the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives remained on scene most of the day and have estimated the damage amount to be \$1.5 million. The cause has been deemed undetermined.

For further information contact Sarah Campbell at 443-277-5409 or via e-mail at scampbell@frederickcountymd.gov. Additional photos of the incident can be found on Facebook @FCDFRS, Twitter, and Instagram.