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### **FIRE BREAKS OUT IN MCKALE CENTER EQUIPMENT ROOM TWO ALARM RESPONSE FROM TFD TO CONTROL**

Dispatch Time –9:26 P.M.  
On-Scene Time –9:29 P.M.

A fire broke out in an equipment room this evening at the University of Arizona's McKale Center. University of Arizona Police responded to a smoke alarm generated from McKale Center per their standard operating procedures and confirmed the smoke alarm once they arrived on scene. The first unit from Tucson Fire arrived on scene three minutes after being dispatched and noticed smoke coming from the roof area of McKale. They immediately called for more resources and began the process of charging the sprinkler system and standpipe system, both things that support firefighting operations. An attack team, consisting of 10 firefighters, entered McKale to determine the location of the fire, along with help from UAPD. The alarm panel specified a certain room and the firefighters confirmed they had heavy smoke and water coming out of the room from under the door. Firefighters made entry into the room and had flames showing along with heavy smoke. They quickly extinguished the fire but visibility was minimal due to the amount of residual smoke. A sprinkler head had activated in the room, assisting in the extinguishment of the fire. Actions were immediately taken to evacuate as much smoke as possible to improve visibility and get secondary confirmation the entire fire was controlled. Firefighters from two ladder trucks had also made their way to the roof of McKale to ensure the fire had not spread to the roof. Two alarms were dispatched to the scene, consisting of twenty-one units and forty-eight firefighters. There were no injuries to firefighters. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation and no estimation of damages had been made.

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