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(Neb.)-Cause Of Gordon Fire Undetermined



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(Gordon)-Several fire crews from Dawes, Sheridan and Cherry Counties in Nebraska, and even crews from South Dakota, worked together Saturday morning to help fight a blaze at the Gordon grain elevator. Witnesses on scene said the fire was initially called in to the Gordon Fire Department at approximately 5 am, and Pat Gould with the Chadron Fire Department said their crews were called in shortly after 7 am for mutual aid.

There is still no official cause that has been determined, however spontaneous combustion of the grain is the suspected culprit. The fire was contained to a one-story warehouse and a taller storage facility. Main Street and First Street were temporarily closed for several blocks as a safety precaution, as well as to give fire crews plenty of room to move. It was also reported that Nebraska Public Power District had to disconnect power to a small area of town for a short period of time during the height of the fire.

By noon on Saturday, the fire was pretty much contained to the two buildings, but crews remained on scene throughout the evening and into Sunday to pour water onto the facility, which still had some hot spots and occasional flames. A city employee was heard telling officials on scene Saturday afternoon that they had estimated approximately 1,900 gallons of water a minute were being used by crews.

In addition to Gordon and Chadron, other crews assisting included Rushville, Hay Springs and Merriman. On Sunday, crews from Crawford and Martin arrived to help relieve firefighters who had already been on scene since early Saturday morning. KCSR/KBPY News will be continuing coverage of the fire and any further reports of information will be passed along to our listeners when made available.

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