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(Neb.)-Grain Elevator Fire Tackled By Multiple Agencies



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(Gordon)-Several fire crews from Dawes, Sheridan and Cherry Counties worked together this morning (Saturday) to help fight a blaze at the Gordon grain elevator. Witnesses on scene said the fire was initially called in to Gordon 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.

Although not confirmed, 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, although crews expected to remain on scene into the evening watching the scene and continuing to pour water onto the facility, which still had some hot spots and occasional flames. A city employee was heard telling officials on scene 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. There is no official report as of yet from the Gordon Fire Department, but when any additional information becomes available, we will pass that along to our listeners. Click on the link below for pictures.

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