



City of Yuma Fire Department

## ***Press Release***

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Subject: Yuma Firefighters Battle Commercial Structure Fire

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On Friday, May 23, 2026, at approximately 7:52 p.m., the Yuma Fire Department responded to the 3000 block of South Avenue 4E for reports of smoke and flames coming from a commercial structure.

While responding, fire personnel observed smoke visible in the area. The first arriving crews found a single-story commercial building with smoke coming from multiple sides of the structure. Firefighters quickly conducted a size-up of the building and began an aggressive fire attack to try and contain the fire.

Additional crews arrived and assisted with securing a water supply, searching for fire extension, and opening portions of the building to access fire in the attic space. Despite extensive efforts by firefighters, the fire continued to spread throughout the structure and eventually broke through the roof. Due to worsening conditions, crews transitioned to defensive operations and continued fighting the fire from the exterior using aerial ladder streams and multiple hose lines.

The fire was eventually brought under control, and a fire watch crew remained on scene to monitor for any remaining hot spots. No injuries were reported.

This was a challenging fire incident, and all personnel on scene did an outstanding job maintaining clear communication, working together, and completing assigned objectives under difficult conditions. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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