



# Klamath County Fire District No. 1

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### **Brush Fire at 1920 Washburn Way behind Bi-Mart**

Klamath County Fire District No. 1 crews responded to a ½ acre brush fire behind Bi-Mart at 10:49 am today. 911 received multiple calls. The cause of the fire was determined to be an individual attempting to make a homemade lantern. The lantern exploded causing nearby brush to ignite. The individual, Russell Eugene Huston, immediately called 911 for assistance. Crews contained the fire in approximately 15 minutes. Fire District No. 1 responded with two light wildland engines, two structural engines, a command vehicle and an investigator with a total of 14 personnel. Fire District No. 1 received assistance from the Deputy State Fire Marshal, City Police and Klamath County Sheriffs Office.

There were no injuries to fire personnel or the reporting party. The fire was contained to a ½ acre of grass and brush and no damage occurred to surrounding structures.

This is another example of how dry the grass and brush is in our area. Klamath County Fire District No. 1 urges all to use extreme caution when dealing with open flame devices and mechanical equipment in dry brush and grass areas.