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Firefighters Respond to Reported Mobile Home Fire

Lee County, Florida – Firefighters from the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (FMBFCD), responded to a report of a mobile home fire in unincorporated Lee County late Tuesday afternoon. FMBFCD received calls reporting flames coming from a motorcycle under a carport at 17790 Peppard Drive in the Bayside Estates subdivision around 4:15 pm. Upon arrival on the scene, Battalion Chief # 31 and Engine # 33 found that a neighbor had extinguished the fire prior to their arrival. Bayside Estates resident, Barry Smith was driving by when he was waved down by a neighbor asking him to dial 911 to report the fire, according to witnesses, Mr. Smith used an ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher from his SUV to put the fire out.

Firefighters ensured that there were no further hazards or threats of fire extension to surrounding property. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation and Fire Investigators have ruled out arson as a cause. Investigators suspect that sparks from electrical wiring on the motorcycle caught its vinyl cover on fire. Damage was estimates were not yet available from investigators.

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