



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ATHENS FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO ADLER PELZER ATHENS FIRE

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – July 11, 2023 – The Athens Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on June 10, 2023, at approximately 9:58 p.m. at Adler Pelzer Athens located at 115 Industrial Way. Minutes after, a manager called 911 and confirmed they did have a fire that was spreading, and the employees were evacuating the building.

The Athens Fire Department arrived on the scene and Battalion 2 immediately established command.

The first arriving units reported heavy smoke visible from the exterior of the building. Upon entering the building, firefighters confirmed a large fire inside, which activated the sprinkler system. Crews quickly deployed two handlines for fire attack and established water supply. Off duty personnel arrived with additional apparatus and assisted in fire attack operations. Due to the large manufacturing equipment involved in the fire, fire personnel had Adler Pelzer maintenance cut power to the building. Once the fire was under control, fire personnel along with maintenance, worked to ventilate the structure. After the building was ventilated and power was restored, the incident was turned over to Adler Pelzer's maintenance department and all fire units returned to service.

Chief Ainsworth stated, "Quick response by firefighters, Alder Pelzer's staff, and the sprinkler system, kept the fire somewhat contained and prevented the incident from becoming much worse. No injuries were reported. We would like to thank Athens Rural and Englewood Rural Fire Departments for being on standby, for the city, while our crews were occupied with the fire."

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