



NEWS RELEASE

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Commercial Fire

The Portage Department of Public Safety-Fire Division was dispatched at 11:00 a.m. for a commercial fire at the Eliason Corporation, 9229 Shaver Road. Fire crews encountered a working fire contained to one room. The fire originated in a machine and extended to a wood dust collection device along with the ventilation duct work. The fire was deemed under control at 12:28 p.m. Crews had a difficult time locating the seed of the fire due to the smoke conditions, long hand-line lays, and fire extension into the ventilation duct work. Fire loss was estimated at \$60,000, and Eliason estimated the production loss of one day at \$150,000. There were no injuries reported.

Portage received initial aid from Texas Township on the scene. Comstock and Oshtemo provided mutual aid to cover fire stations during the incident.

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