



CUNNINGHAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Transformer Fire in Centennial

Centennial, CO – At approximately 10:47 this morning Cunningham Fire Rescue responded to a transformer fire at an Xcel Energy substation located roughly at East Smoky Road and South Buckley Road.

Initially there was a large volume of smoke that was produced as a result of the fire and the smoke was visible from a large portion of the southeast metro area. At this time (11:40am) the fire is still burning but is contained to the transformer involved. Emergency responders are waiting for Xcel Energy to isolate power to the substation and verify that the electrical components have been de-energized so that full extinguishment of the fire can be accomplished.

There has been no evacuation of the residences or businesses in the immediate area and the need for any evacuation is not anticipated. Traffic in the immediate area is impacted by the emergency response. Cunningham Fire is not aware of any power outages caused by this fire and has not received any information from Xcel Energy of the power impacts.

Approximately 25 firefighters are on scene including units from South Metro Fire Rescue which responded as part of the initial response to provide assistance to Cunningham Fire Rescue. No injuries have been reported and it is anticipated that emergency crews will be on-scene for at least the two hours.

Cunningham Fire Rescue is a Fire Protection District serving over 22,000 households and approximately 57,000 citizens by providing fire and Emergency Medical Services to urban portions of central Unincorporated Arapahoe County which includes portions of the City of Centennial. Cunningham Fire provides these services from three fire stations, with 76 uniformed firefighters and an administrative staff of six. For more information on the District please visit our web-site at www.cfpd.org.

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