



## Town of Olds Fire Department

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### MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
Friday March 1, 2019  
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**Subject: Industrial Fire at 5902 48 Ave Olds, AB @ 19:51 hours Trouw Nutrition/Shur-Gain**

On Friday March 2, 2019 at 19:51 hrs Olds Fire Department was called to a reported industrial occupancy structure fire at 5902 48 Avenue in Olds.

Upon arrival, crews found heavy smoke conditions from a working fire inside the process area of an animal feed manufacturing/production facility. All employees were verified to be out of the building with no injuries.

Mutual aid assistance for the fire was provided by Carstairs, Didsbury and Sundre Fire Departments for a total of 40 firefighters with five pumper trucks, an aerial ladder, rescue and support vehicles being on scene.

Due to the nature of the this type of facility there was an extreme hazard to firefighters entering this facility due to the potential for dust explosions, and an in depth size up was completed and the smoke conditions were monitored closely before the decision was made to enter the structure to pursue an active attack on the fire. Firefighters were able to find the seat of the fire and extinguish it prior to conducting extensive investigation for additional secondary fires and smoke travel.

Firefighters were on scene for approximately 5 hours to contain this incident in temperatures below -30 degrees.

There were no injuries as a result of this fire but the damage estimate will be extensive. The cause of this fire is under investigation but is not deemed suspicious in nature. The occupancy is expected to be non-operational for an undetermined period of time to undergo repairs.

The Fire Department did suffer some equipment damage and hose failure due to the frigid temperatures and water application, but firefighters worked into the early morning to restore units to service.

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