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Guymon Firefighters Say 4th of July Slower Than Anticipated

Guymon Firefighters planned for the possibility of high call volumes on July 4th, but thankfully it didn't evolve. "Firefighters in Guymon responded to 4 fire calls in the past 24 hours", said Assistant Fire Chief Grant Wadley. The first report was at 6:56pm in the 700 block of S. East Street with a vehicle fire. According to Firefighters, fireworks discarded in the back of a pickup started other debris in the pickup causing the fire. Firefighters reported the fire out on their arrival. The next fire reported occurred at 9:24pm in the 400 block of South Sunset. People driving by a garage saw what they thought was smoke coming from the doorway, on Firefighters arrival they found the owner in the garage stating there had been no fire and it was smoke from a project he was working on which was non-firework related. At 9:50pm, Firefighters on standby at the public display extinguished a small grass fire on the northwest side of Hitch Arena. This fire was extinguished nearly immediately once found by Firefighters. The last fire occurred on the lower portion at Sunset Park on the east side at 10:11pm Police and Fire officials patrolling the park located the grass fire that was moving upwards to the roadway just behind the Texas County fair grounds. Fire was extinguished quickly with 3 fire units that responded. Fireworks were found to be the cause of this fire. In other parts of Texas County, 3 departments had no activity reported. Texhoma, Optima, and Hardesty had no responses on July 4th. Goodwell, Hooker, and Yarbrough all responded to 1 fire call in their areas during the 24 hour period. Tyrone responded twice to fires, once inside Tyrone city limits then the next they responded to assist Beaver Co. and Seward Co. fire units on a fire south of Turpin in Beaver County. Baker and Adams Fire Departments also responded to the fire south of Turpin which was their only reported responses. "July 4th is typically one of the busiest and dangerous days of the year for Firefighters across the country", Wadley stated. As dry and hot as our area has been, surprisingly fires were much less than originally anticipated by officials. Even though July 4th is over, high fire danger still exists and everyone has the responsibility to be on high alert to their surroundings.

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