

This Morning's Two Alarms / South Street

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Two alarms at [620 W. South Street](#). Engine 1 arriving at a one-story, concrete-block and wood-frame building with 2,400 square-feet. Convenience store, built 1953. Jeffries Grocery & Grill, says tax records. Heavy smoke venting from the front of structure. Interior attack, with fire found in rear corner. Engine 3 with supply line. Battalion 3, then Car 10 as command. Second line into building. Access in rear of structure using saws, due to metal gate. Fire subsequently vented through roof. Electrical hazard early into incident at meter box. Seat of fire found in attic area, in rear corner of structure. (High heat conditions, noted by the Battalion Chief in the WTVD video clip below. Note the absence of windows.)

Dispatched 10:09 a.m. Additional engine requested about 10 minutes into incident. Second alarm requested about 15 minutes into incident. Controlled 10:57 a.m. Additional engine and ladder requested about 11:20 a.m. Heat index at time of alarm 96 degrees. No injuries, building unoccupied. Cause determined as accidental, due to electrical failure in electrical panels. First alarm: E1, E3, E13, L2, R2, B3. Working fire: E5, A1, C10, C20. Special called: E2. Second alarm: E11, E8, L7, R1, B2. Relief: E26, L6? Other: Car 2. Medical included EMS 31, D5, M94, T1. Probably three or more additional EMS units. Certainly aggressive rehab.

That's the buff-based perspective, drawn nearly entirely from radio traffic. The guy behind this blog wasn't there (sorry), and hasn't yet talked to anybody that was there. Apologies for inaccuracies. Corrections welcome. And this air-conditioning feels great at Blog Central, and a world removed from the hot, humid, nasty conditions that the crews faced on scene. That's the hard work. News coverage: [NBC17](#), [WTVD](#) (with video story). This was the building this afternoon. Click to enlarge:



News & Observer photo from the scene, <http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/07/14/1..>

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