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Commercial Structure Fire on January 10

The North Battleford Fire Department responded to a commercial structure fire shortly at 1411 hours Wednesday afternoon January 10, 2018, West of Territorial Drive. Two Engines, a rehabilitation bus, tanker, ½ ton utility truck and Two Chiefs units with 15 fire fighters, full time and paid on call, arrived on scene to a fully involved structure fire. Crews arrived and the fire was quickly brought under control, however the natural gas main was flaring and could not be shut off from the meter and the commercial structure contained a vehicle and cylinders posing a high risk to firefighters. The gas main was allowed to flare until it was finally isolated by SaskEnergy approximately 3 hours into the incident. The incident was quickly brought under control by crews working in arduous conditions of -36 degrees Celsius with the wind chill.

RCMP, EMS, SaskPower and SaskEnergy attended the incident and helped to make the scene safe.

There were no civilian or fire fighter injuries. The origin of fire is under investigation. Estimated damage is approximately \$150,000.

Fire Chief Trevor Brice commented that he was proud of his crews who worked tirelessly in the adverse conditions for a period extending over six hours on scene.

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