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Firefighters respond to north end structure fire overnight

Vernon firefighters responded to a large fire at a commercial building in the north end of the city early this morning (Saturday).

Just before 3:00 a.m., Vernon Fire Rescue Services was dispatched to a report of a structure fire in the 4900-block of 27th Street. Upon arrival, crews found a large fire outside the building, within a locked compound. Initial crews on scene knocked the fire down quickly and then gained access inside the building to confirm the extension to the structure was extinguished.

“Additional firefighters were called in to support the on-site crews and respond to other calls,” said Deputy Fire Chief Alan Hofsink. “There were 14 firefighters on scene, who were also joined by members of the Vernon North Okanagan RCMP and BC Ambulance Service.”

No injuries were reported in the incident. There is extensive damage to the exterior of the building and minor fire and smoke damage inside.

The fire has been deemed suspicious and the file has been handed over to the RCMP for investigation. No further information is available at this time.



Above: VFRS firefighters on scene of a large commercial structure fire on November 19, 2022.