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Vernon firefighters respond to grass fire along Commonage Road

Vernon Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) quickly contained a grass fire along Commonage Road Sunday evening.

At approximately 6:00 p.m., VFRS received a report of a wildland fire in the 400-block of Commonage Road, near MacKay Reservoir, between Predator Ridge and the Bailey Rd turnoff. Upon arrival, firefighters found a fast-moving grass fire that was approximately 50' x 100' burning along the roadway.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire. There was no risk to structures.

“Thanks to the public, this fire was quickly reported and firefighters were dispatched. Career firefighters who were stationed at Fire Station 3 (Predator Ridge) due to extreme wildfire risk conditions, were joined by newly activated auxiliary firefighters from the same station. Together, they knocked the fire down quickly and stopped it from spreading even further,” said Deputy Fire Chief Mike Walroth. “This was an example of firefighters working together with an alert and vigilant community to quickly get on top of a potentially dangerous situation.”

It appears the fire was started by a bird flying into a power line.

VFRS thanks the public for being aware of their surroundings and reporting the fire when they saw it. If you see a fire inside City limits, call 911 immediately. To report a wildfire, call **1 800 663-5555 toll-free** or dial ***5555 on a cellphone**.