

# Brush fire ignites field behind Boone County fire station

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A brush fire started Wednesday afternoon on St. Charles Road. The fire started near Boone County Fire Station #1 and burned an estimated 10 to 15 acres. | [Alli Inglebright](#)

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COLUMBIA — A brush fire consumed a 10- to 15-acre field behind Boone County Fire Protection District Fire Station #1 on Wednesday afternoon.

Fire District Lt. Martina Pounds said the fire was called in at 12:36 p.m. by a Boone County Sheriff's deputy patrolling the area near St. Charles Road.

Division Chief Gale Blomenkamp said a total of 10 units and 28 firefighters were called to the scene to contain the fire. The first four units were from Boone County Fire Protection District Fire Station #1 and were in the building when the call came in. One medic unit was called to treat a firefighter for heat-related issues, but no one was taken to the hospital.

The fire was contained within one hour and did not spread to the firehouse, any of the surrounding neighborhoods or Interstate 70. An incident controller was called to ensure that flames didn't reignite in the field.

Pounds said the cause of the fire was under investigation Wednesday afternoon. It started in a pile of dead brush and spread to several other piles littering the field. She believes the heat and dry weather may have been the cause.

"With conditions the way they are, it could be anything," she said. "We don't know if it was intentional or not. It's definitely something we need to look at."

Pounds said she didn't know who owns the land.

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