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### City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department Responds to 4 Alarm Fire at Mike Thompson's RV Super Store

**SANTA FE SPRINGS, California** – Mike Thompson's RV Super Store, located at 13940 Firestone Blvd. in Santa Fe Springs (SFS), California, experienced a fire that ignited in the early morning on May 9, 2024.

At approximately 12:15 AM, the Whittier Police Department, who are contracted to provide police services for the City of Santa Fe Springs, responded to a burglary alarm at the location. Upon arrival to the property, officers encountered unexpected light smoke emerging from the southwest portion of the property near the railroad tracks. SFS Fire Department personnel were then alerted of the fire.

At 12:31 a.m., SFS Fire-Rescue units were dispatched and found heavy smoke and flames upon arrival. The responding fire units immediately launched an aggressive attack on the fire. After approximately one hour of efforts, SFS fire units successfully mitigated the blaze. SFS Firefighters demonstrated exceptional resilience in extinguishing the fire despite the challenging conditions, characterized by many RVs parked closely together which allowed the fire to spread from one vehicle to another quickly. At this time, approximately 12 to 15 fifth wheel trailers are confirmed destroyed by the fire, with an estimated loss of \$1.5-2 million dollars. However, the SFS Fire Department's efforts played a pivotal role in minimizing the fire's spread and safeguarding additional losses to vehicles and business structures. There were no injuries reported among civilians or fire personnel.

"We are immensely grateful for the swift and coordinated response of our fire department," said Mayor Jay Sarno. "Their professionalism and dedication undoubtedly prevented further loss of RVs and business property, allowing Mike Thompson's RV to continue business operations today."

An area check was conducted by the Whittier Police Department, but the suspect was not located. The origin of the fire is still currently under investigation. SFS Fire-Rescue investigators are working closely with the Whittier Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to ascertain the cause of the fire. If anyone has any information regarding

this incident, The Whittier Police Department encourages the public to contact the anonymous tip line at (562) 567-9299 or Detective Brenda King (562) 409-1869.

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