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**PARKING LOT COLLISION LEADS TO
EXTENDED FIRE FIGHTING INCIDENT**

Broomfield, CO—Shortly before 7:30 p.m. last night, North Metro Fire Rescue responded to an outside equipment fire as a result of an automobile collision. A single vehicle struck 7,600 volt transformer in a retail parking lot adjacent to 120th Avenue near Lamar Street. No one was injured in the crash.

As a result of the collision, the transformer was knocked off its base causing an electrical short and corresponding fire. Since the power company had to be called to the scene to cut power to the transformer which would allow fire fighters to extinguish the blaze, fire crews provided protection to the adjacent structures for over 30 minutes. In addition, the initial electrical fire also ignited 150 gallons of mineral oil in the base of the transformer that is used to insulate the wiring in the box.

Once the power was cut by Excel Energy, fire crews quickly worked to extinguish both the electrical and flammable liquid components of the fire. In addition, fire fighters performed hazardous material mitigation to dam and dike the mineral oil runoff. All of the oil was contained in the parking lot area and a private environmental cleanup company was called in to remove the oil.

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About North Metro Fire Rescue District

North Metro Fire Rescue is dedicated to your quality care. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to our community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 103,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.