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Flagler County Fire Rescue works through the night to extinguish blaze at Flagler Playhouse in Bunnell

October 30, 2023 – Flagler County Fire Rescue, with the assistance of units from Palm Coast Fire Department, Flagler Beach Fire Department, and Ormond Beach Fire Department, worked through the night to extinguish a fire at the Flagler Playhouse in Bunnell and protect the surrounding area. There were no injuries to either citizens or firefighters.

The 9-1-1 came in at about 10 p.m. October 29, made by a passerby who reported smoke and flames coming from the back of the property.

"When units arrived moments later there was a lot of heavy smoke," said Flagler County Fire Rescue Chief Michael Tucker.

He said crews initially attacked the fire from the inside but within 10 minutes the conditions deteriorated, and for safety reasons crews exited the building and went into defensive mode from the outside to contain the fire and prevent its spread.

"It took us about 6 hours to declare the fire 'out," Tucker said.

There are four buildings on the property – two were destroyed, including the theater itself, and two were saved, including the offices.

Ten units from four agencies responded to fight the fire: Flagler County Fire Rescue, Palm Coast Fire Department, Flagler Beach Fire Department, and Ormond Beach Fire Department, Tucker said.

Neither the cause of the fire nor the financial loss has been determined. The State Fire Marshal will investigate to determine the cause of the fire.

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