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To our Community:

We are aware of the video and statements being made concerning the fire that took place on the 15th of November. First, the video was taken by a paid firefighter, from a different department, who elected to video the scene instead of offering to help. Second, the information coming from the statements made are not a correct representation of the events that occurred. The following is what took place:

FFR was paged to a structure fire. Arriving on scene, FFR reported that the structure was fully engulfed and there was moderate spread to the grass. There was a report from dispatch that no one was in the building and no injuries reported. The fire was moving through the grass behind a second structure, that was a house, and the fire in the grass was climbing the hill. FFR focused its efforts on the grass fire. A couple of bystanders assisted FFR by helping to pull hose, and one individual backed up a firefighter on the hose. This bystander has over 10 years of prior firefighting experience, and in no way put himself in harm's way. By concentrating on that threat FFR, was able to stop the grass fire from going any further and prevented it from starting a secondary structure fire.

The building that was engulfed was a small out building that had several hazards present, to include, gas cans, propane bottles, and oxygen bottles. There was an explosion that occurred while FFR was focusing on the grass fire. For the safety of all the responders that were on scene it was not safe to consider entry into the building. The other safety concern that was present was the stability of the structure. There was a high probability that the structure could collapse. Due to those safety concerns FFR and mutual aid partners fought the fire in a defensive mode and contained the fire to just the one structure. By taking the defensive stance the responders were able to stop the potential for a wildland fire, the potential for a second structure fire and the potential for a camper to catch fire. In addition, all firefighters on the scene were able to go home to their families.

Our primary concern is to protect the citizens for Florissant and the safety our responders and our mutual aid partners that responded. We would like to thank everyone that helped contain the fire. The efforts of everyone were outstanding!!