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MEDIA RELEASE:

Onoway, AB – March 16, 2024

RE: Hazardous Materials Onoway Industrial Park

At 1927 Friday March 15th Fire Rescue International (FRI) was paged to what was originally coded as a low priority outside side fire. Within one-minute several units were on route. Roughly one-minute later FRI's first command unit on scene. This unit reported black smoke inside a hazardous materials worksite area and that fire was threatening a large flammable liquids tank farm. By 1933 the first pumper was on scene, securing a water source and moving into position. Within ten-minutes of arrival, the tank farm containing volatile fluids had been cooled and protected. Fire crews then turned their attention on the large roll-off bin that was still burning.

After considerable efforts, the fire was contained. However, a significant amount of potentially toxic smoke had been released into the area. In an abundance of caution, at 2029 an air-quality advisory was requested for the Town of Onoway by FRI crews. FRI then worked to further overhaul the burning material while Alberta Environment was alerted of the incident. After overhaul the hazmat material was covered in sand then the site was turned over to the property owner.

Ten firefighters and 4 fire units were engaged in the firefight. No injuries were reported on the site or incurred by the firefighters during the operation. Fire Rescue International would like to thank our firefighting team for their fast-actions and professional actions while mitigating risks within a site that could have turned catastrophic. FRI would also like to thank Lac Ste. Anne County Patrol for their assistance on scene.

For more information about this incident or to learn more about your fire department, please contact Fire Chief David Ives at 780-777-4688

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