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FIRE ON SNOW VALLEY ROAD IN SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP

SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP / March 15, 2010 – At approximately 8:55 am on Sunday March 14th, the Township of Springwater Fire Department responded to a call on Snow Valley Road.

When firefighters arrived, flames were coming out of the back of the building, a 12,000 square foot industrial unit. Over 60 firefighters responded from Springwater, Essa and Barrie.

The stability of the structure proved a complication for firefighters who entered the building, but were forced to retreat because of the high heat load.

The fire was brought under control at 12:30 pm. Damage is estimated at between \$800,000 and \$1 million. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office. One firefighter sustained minor injuries battling the blaze.

"We have to thank our neighbouring municipalities for their assistance," said Springwater Fire Chief Tony Van Dam. "Oro-Medonte, Tiny and Essa Townships, and the City of Barrie all helped fight this fire, and cover the rest of the municipality."

Springwater is a municipality of approximately 18,000 residents located in the heart of Simcoe County. The Township is governed by a seven-member council with a complement of 60 full and part-time staff. In 2009, the Township celebrated its 15th anniversary of the amalgamated Township of Springwater, and the opening of their first Administration Centre.

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