

\$700,000 Carl-Don fire



Carl-Don Equipment Ltd. officials are still trying to sort out their loss following an early Monday morning fire that destroyed the International Harvester dealership's parts department and administrative offices.

Blaze damages equipment dealer

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MOUNTAIN — A representative of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office was on the scene Monday morning trying to piece together the cause of the fire that destroyed the offices and parts department of Carl-Don Equipment Ltd. here early Monday morning.

Cause of the fire, which caused an undetermined amount of damage, has yet to be determined although Mountain Township fire chief Jim Scott said "no foul play is suspected".

The alarm was turned into the Mountain fire department just a few minutes after midnight and the department responded with 18 men and two vehicles. Assistance was called in from Winchester, Kemptville and Iroquois and a total of 11 vehicles were involved in containing the blaze and saving the repair garage.

Men and vehicles from the out-of-town department left at 4am but Mountain Township firefighters remained on the scene until 10 Monday morning.

Company spokesmen were unable to give an estimate of the damage since the firm's month-end inventory had just been taken and figures have not been received back from International Harvester's Chicago office.

The building and its contents were partially covered by insurance but the policies, were also lost in the conflagration and the firm will have to wait until later this week to find out how much of its loss is covered.

All of Carl-Don's business records and parts inventory were lost.

The firm closed its Chesterville operation in August and had been centering all of its business at its Mountain location since then.



Four fire departments fight Carl-Don blaze

A slumping year for Carl-Don Equipment Ltd. was further worsened early Monday morning when fire ripped through the company's outlet in Mountain, causing an estimated \$700,000 in damages. The blaze, which began shortly before midnight, was brought under control by fire departments from Mountain Township, Kemptville, Iroquois, and

Winchester at approximately 2:30 a.m. The office section and parts department of the building was completely destroyed. Company spokesman Allan Bell says the future of the company will be decided later this week. The Ontario Fire Marshal's office says the cause of the fire is still undetermined, but foul play is not suspected. *Advance Photo - P. McIntosh*

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