

Falls City PD investigating cause of fires

(KLZA)-- The Falls City Volunteer Fire Department is concerned about fires that appear to have been purposely started recently.

The Department responded to a fire call Tuesday afternoon around 5:30 p.m. Firefighters were dispatched along with the Falls City Rural Fire Department to the City tree pile north of Falls City where it appears a fire was started and due to high wind, blew over into the leaf pile.

Smoke from the fire poured across Highway 73 creating poor visibility and a dangerous situation for travelers on the highway. The Falls City Police Department was dispatched to control traffic and later the Richardson County Sheriff's Office sent units out to help with the traffic.

While efforts to put the fire out were underway, all traffic was stopped as the two departments were turning around and the Falls City Rural watered down the East side of the highway to try and contain the burn.

The Falls City Rural Department applied Class A foam to the leaf pile and brought in their Tanker to fill the City- Pumpers with water.

The Falls City Street Department was called in with two front end loaders to place dirt over the top and divide the trees into two piles.

Thursday evening the Falls City Fire Department responded the north side of Legion Park where again it appears a fire was started in the leaves and bushes along the north side of the park where a baseball team was having practice. Team members told firemen, that they saw two individuals walk over to that area and the next thing it was going up in flames.

The Falls City Police Department is investigating the Legion Park fire.

With high winds the Fire Department request that any suspicion activity be reported to the Police Department. This can become a serious situation should it continue to occur and may be a much larger incident next time.

The Department again asks that you continue to support all area first responders in their duties.