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CDA Car Fire w/ Injury

Coeur d'Alene Fire Department responded to the report of an automobile fire in the CDA Library parking lot this morning (10/30/09). Crews were advised, while en route, that a person had been in the back of a pick-up truck when fire broke out and the person was on fire exiting the vehicle.

The occupant self extinguished the fire on his clothing by using by stop, drop and roll method.

Arriving crews discovered a fire in the back of a pick-up truck under a damaged canopy. The occupant of the vehicle was injured and attended to by FD EMT's, He was transported to KMC with non-life-threatening thermal injuries.

The cause of the fire was determined to be using gasoline to clean car parts while using a propane heater in the camper to stay warm. The gasoline vapor ignited when they reached the propane heater. The Coeur d'Alene Fire Department wants to remind everyone to use heaters safely this season. As the temperature drops, it is of paramount importance to read all directions on the heating appliance make sure your heating device is properly functioning and approved for the application. As always, keep flammable liquids and combustible materials away from heating sources.