

Fire breaks out at Taylorsville Redwood Campus

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Smoke fills the air outside the Applied Technology Building on Monday, June 22. A fire destroyed the building. (Courtesy of Dana Winters)

On Monday evening, a two-alarm fire tore through the Applied Technology Building at Taylorsville Redwood Campus.

Firefighters responded after calls came in describing smoke coming from the roof of the building around 5:20 p.m.

Salt Lake Community College business major Taylor Knight heard a loud bang while standing in front of the nearby Academic and Administration Building.

"I didn't think much of it, since there's a ton of construction going on," Knight said. "About five minutes later, I heard several sirens and looked up to see the Applied Technology Building on fire. It looked like it was coming from the roof and billowed out of the upper part of the building. Since I have my EMT certification, I stayed to see if they needed any extra hands. The firemen were there within five minutes and I left shortly after."

Unified Fire Authority public information officer Ryan Love said the building was under construction and lacked most of the non-load-bearing walls, making the fire difficult to suppress.

Crews stayed through the night to ensure all hot spots were extinguished.

“We are deeply appreciative for the quick response of our first responders and SLCC’s Public Safety along with the multiple fire departments for their work in protecting the other buildings on campus and the surrounding community,” Shane Crabtree, the executive director of public safety at SLCC, stated in an email sent to employees on Tuesday morning. Crabtree went on to say all other buildings on campus would be open and providing services as usual.

The Applied Technology Building housed SLCC Printing Services, offices, and classrooms. The fire damage rendered the building a [total loss](#), according to school officials.

On Tuesday afternoon, SLCC announced on its [website](#) that the fire is largely contained. The Student Center reopened at 1 p.m.

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