

## Press Release

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### Employee Dies after Chemical Plant Explosion In Mead

Mead- At 6:59 this morning firefighters from the Mountain View Fire Protection District responded to a structure fire at Boulder Scientific Company located at 598 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Mead Colorado.

Upon arrival, firefighters found heavy smoke and a small fire in the Northeast building of the complex and an employee outside who had been severely burned.

Firefighters and paramedics relocated him to a safe location, treated him for his injuries and completed extinguishment of the fire.

The employee, a 37 year old male, sustained 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns to the upper portion of his body. The patient was transported by Air-Life to University Hospital in Aurora for treatment of his injuries.

By 11:30 am, the employee had died from his injuries.

Although the details are unknown, authorities say the man was working in the area where the explosion occurred.

“Firefighters supported the plant’s fire suppression system, which kept the fire under control until firefighters were able to complete extinguishment,” said Jesse Hodgson, spokesman for Mountain View Fire.

Hodgson stated that the plant is still safe and area residents should not worry about their safety.

“Boulder Scientific Company has an impeccable safety team and measures in place to deal with any fires, spills or releases. This morning all systems worked exactly as they should have,” said Hodgson

Many suppression systems in most businesses would have been overwhelmed with an explosion of this nature.. Boulder Scientific Company has a superior system, and when put to the test, proved that this morning said Hodgson.

The investigation is still ongoing and the cause is undetermined at this time. The Plant will remain closed until the investigation is complete.