



# Yakima Fire Department



## **News Release**

**Subject: Stop and Go Drive-In Fire**

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### **Iconic Stop and Go Drive-In Heavily Damaged by Fire**

The popular Stop and Go Drive-In on Fruitvale Boulevard was heavily damaged as a result of a fire Thursday morning.

When YFD crews arrived on scene at about 11:45 am Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, black smoke was coming from the drive-in's roof. YFD crews initially took a defensive approach to fighting the fire due to concern about the stability of the drive-in's roof. Once it was confirmed that the roof was stable enough, YFD crews initiated a more aggressive attack, including extinguishing the fire from inside the drive-in building.

The drive-in was closed at the time of the fire. No employees or customers were at the Stop and Go when the fire started.

The estimated value of the drive-in is \$115,000. The initial cost of the damage done by the Thursday morning fire is estimated to be \$115,000.

Approximately 16 YFD firefighters were on scene responding to the fire.