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from the Upper Columbia Conference Seventh  
Day Adventist Center

SPOKANE -- A fire has destroyed two-thirds of the Upper Columbia Conference Seventh-day Adventist Center near Airway Heights on Sunday. The remaining part of the building has suffered heavy smoke and water damage.

  
Flames can be seen coming from the roof of the  
Upper Columbia Conference Seventh Day  
Adventist Center

The fire started early Sunday morning, firefighters say the fire started in the center's bookstore and started to spread to the rest of the building. Herman Schreven, the bookstore manager learned of the fire when his wife, a lieutenant with Fire District 3, was dispatched to the scene.

Heavy smoke could be seen coming from the building when fire crews first arrived. Firefighters had a hard time with the fast moving fire, it quickly spraed through the rafters to other areas of the conference center.

Nobody was inside at the time of the fire, the fire's cause is still under investigation.

Near two-thirds of the building were on fire at one point, smoke could be seen coming from the vents in in the remaining part of the building.

The building also houses the studio for Spokane's Positive Life Radio, 104.9 FM, and He's Alive TV. Both stations are off the air because of the fire, station staff are currently determining the extent of the damage and seeking to get the stations back on the air as soon as possible.

The Upper Columbia Conference is the headquarters for the 25,000 Seventh- day Adventists in the Inland Northwest and provides leadership for 30 schools and 117 churches throughout Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, and North-eastern Oregon.

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