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## Adler-Pelzer Fire

The Athens Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm on July 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 5:13 p.m. at Adler Pelzer Athens located at 115 Industrial Way. An employee called 911 stating they had a fire in the blend room and the employees were evacuating the building. The Athens Fire Department arrived on the scene and Battalion 3 immediately established command. The first arriving units reported light smoke visible from the exterior of the building. After investigation, a fire was located inside the plant. There was no visibility in the production area and all access points to the plant had black smoke about 2-3 feet from the floor of the plant. Off duty fire personnel were requested and with county fire units to be on standby. Crews quickly deployed handlines for fire attack. The entry team was met with heavy smoke conditions in the plant area and the sprinkler system inside the plant was active. The fire was located near the center point of the plant. Plant staff alerted command that possibly one person was missing, and two personnel presented with smoke inhalation. The missing person was located outside the building, and all employees were accounted for. AMR EMS was on scene for anyone needing triage or treatment. EMS advised command that both employees denied transport. Chief Ainsworth was notified of the need for out-of-town resources due to the amount of active fire and the location of the fire within the 237,781 square foot industrial building. Tri-State Mutual Aid Resources were activated. The following agencies responded: Athens Rural Fire, Englewood, Cleveland, Bradley County, Riceville, Decatur, Chattanooga, Tri-Comm, Meigs County, McMinn County, Hazmat Air Supply and Command Post, and McMinn County Hwy. Dept. Fuel Truck. Etowah City, Madisonville, and Polk County provided coverage to Athens City and Englewood fire departments while crews were busy with the fire. Approximately 70 total personnel were on scene.  
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## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ **MEETING DATE CHANGED:** The day/date for the monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association has been changed to **Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is being held at the AgCentral Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens. The public is welcome, and you do not need to be a member to attend.
- ✓ The TBI says that last Saturday night an officer-involved shooting took place with officers from the Blount County Sheriff's Office. According to the TBI, at 11:12 a.m. a 911 call for help was made from someone in Seymour. Deputies arrived and encountered a separate person inside the house who refused to come outside. The SWAT team responded then, and began to negotiate with the person who would not leave the residence. After a long period of talking, the SWAT team entered the house. One of the SWAT members fired and struck the person in the house. The reason for the shooting is still under investigation, according to TBI officials. The individual who was shot was taken to an area hospital for treatment. The TBI said that no one else was injured, including officers.

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## Today In History

1866 - Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.  
 1894 - Actor Walter Brennan was born. He was a famous character actor and appeared in several movies and TV shows including "Sergeant York" and "The Real McCoys." He also recorded several hit records including "Old Rivers" and "Dutchman's Gold."  
 1946 - The United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.  
 1952 - Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the U.S.  
 1956 - The Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast, claiming the lives of 51 people.  
 1984 - Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space as she conducted experiments for more than three hours outside the orbiting space station Salyut VII.

## Adler-Pelzer Fire Continued

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
 Crews battled the fire for several hours. With smoke conditions improving, interior crews advised the fire was under control with some remaining hotspots. The preliminary cause of the fire was determined to be a processing machine that caught fire in the blend room during normal operation and product buildup throughout the plant aided in the spread of the fire. Due to the processing equipment and type of materials used, several confined spaces were not accessible to fire personnel. Plant management was directed to have their employees monitor the conditions of smoldering products. Chief Ainsworth stated, "Quick response by firefighters, Tri-State Mutual Aid, Alder Pelzer's staff, and the sprinkler system, prevented the incident from becoming much worse. No injuries were reported. We would like to thank all responding Fire Departments for their help and for being on standby, for the city, while our crews were occupied with the fire." For more information, please contact Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth at 423-744-2789 or [bainsworth@athenstn.gov](mailto:bainsworth@athenstn.gov)

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Equities closed higher. Global markets were mixed. The energy and financial sectors led. Utilities and health care sectors were slightly in the red on the day. Oil prices and the dollar were higher. Gold prices logged a small loss. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 183.55 to 35,411.24. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 18.30 to 4,554.64, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 26.06 to 14,058.87.

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