

## Bird nest catches on fire causing minor damage to gas station awning

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Firefighters extinguished a flame at a PDQ gas station after a bird nest lit up part of the awning Wednesday afternoon, causing minimal damage.

A bird nest caught on fire Wednesday afternoon, causing minor damage to an awning at an East Side gas station and evicting a family of birds, according to a Madison Fire Department statement.

Around 4:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a blaze in the neon-light tubing of an awning at a PDQ gas station located at 4402 East Buckeye Road, officials said. Employees told firefighters birds have been flying into the

tubing to stay warm, and a nest they built could not handle the heat, igniting a fire that burned two to three feet of the light fixture, the statement said.

A customer told employees about the fire, who then called 911, the fire department said.

Firefighters extinguished the flame within five minutes of being dispatched, according to the statement. No structural damage resulted, but some damage to wire insulation and the plastic light tubing occurred, officials said.