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## **Grass Fire Causes Major Damage to Local Business**

## For Immediate Release (4/23/2007)

The Kahnawake Peacekeepers are investigating the cause of yesterday's grass fire along Highway 138.

Peacekeepers responded to the scene at approximately 13:24 hrs. The blaze, which began on the western edge of the pet cemetery, spread to Goodleaf's Scrap Auto, destroying some machinery along with several tons of recycled wood, paper and cardboard.

Some fifteen fire departments for the surrounding municipalities helped battle the blaze, which took several hours to extinguish, and forced the closure on Highway 138 until 22:00 hrs last night. Two members of the Kahnawake Fire Bridge were taken to hospital for smoke inhalation and minor injuries.

The Peacekeepers are urging community members to refrain from lighting any grass fires. With warm temperatures and high winds, these fires can quickly get out of control and cause damage to life and property.

If you have any information regarding this fire, or see any suspicious activity, please contact the Peacekeepers at 450-632-6505. Or if you prefer to remain anonymous, call the Crime Stoppers tip line at 450-632-2802.