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## Fast-food restaurant hit by fire

AN investigation has been launched after firefighters battled a blaze at a Burger King for three hours.

The fire started in the drive-thru area and quickly spread to the roof of the Interchange Retail Park restaurant in Kempston.

The same outlet was also hit by a blaze back in May 2010.

Firefighters were alerted to the flames by a passer-by at 3.08am on Friday morning.

Crews from Bedford, Kempston and Ampthill were at the scene in eight minutes, along with Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service's aerial platform and water carrier.

The investigation will establish how the blaze broke out.

Station commander Lorraine Moore said: "The crews responded very quickly which meant that they were able to prevent the fire spreading further. Approximately 10 per cent of the building was destroyed by fire and 100 per cent smoke damaged."

Firefighters left the scene at 6.11am on Friday morning.

In the fire of May 2010, the roof collapsed after being engulfed in flames and members of the public were led to safety by paramedics.

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