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Fire occurs at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine leaving one dead

AUBURN, Ala.- This morning at approximately 2 a.m., the City of Auburn Fire Department responded to a major fire at the College of Veterinary Medicine. The cause of the fire is currently being investigated.

First responders found veterinary technician Billy Andrews dead inside a horse barn. Two veterinarians are also missing.

The Vaughn Large Animal Hospital has sustained major damage and is still burning at this time. Two horse barns located adjacent to the hospital also sustained major damage. Six horses, including an hours-old foal, died in the fire.

“We offer our condolences to the Andrews family. Our hearts are with them during this time of grievance,” said College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Calvin Johnson. “The most important thing right now is accounting for all our employees and making sure our animals are safe. We are working as fast and efficiently as we can with authorities and appreciate their efforts.”

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The Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine has produced more than 6,400 veterinarians and more than 500 specialist and researchers. Auburn is the seventh oldest college of veterinary medicine in North America and was in the first southeastern United States.