

# Trader Feared Dead As Fire Guts Onitsha Market

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**AWKA** – A trader was feared dead as fire gutted the old Automobiles Spare Parts Market Awada, near Onitsha on Saturday morning.

Also, goods worth millions of naira were lost to the fire incident.

Police spokesman, Haruna Mohammed, said following a distress call, a patrol team led by Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Awada Division, Tony Adeyi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), rushed to the scene and alerted the Fire Service Department and other emergency units, which responded promptly to put off the fire.

The police, he said, thereafter cordoned off the market to prevent hoodlums from taking advantage of the situation to loot.

He stated that one person, whose identity was unknown at press time, who collapsed, was taken to the hospital for medical attention.

The cause of the fire and value of properties destroyed were yet to be ascertained, while Mohammed said the police were investigating the issue.

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