



A 1988 S-10 Chevy pickup was a total loss Saturday afternoon after it burned up on an empty lot at East 3rd and Park Sts. in Imperial. According to Fire Chief Nick Schultz, the vehicle's owner Ramiro Chavez had just driven the pickup to the lot owned by Sergio Almanza, and had restarted it to move it elsewhere when the fire started in the engine. It didn't take long for the firefighters from the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department, at right, to get it extinguished, as they used both water and foam in the process. The fire call came in at 1:40 p.m. Saturday, and sent black smoke billowing into the air. (Republican photos)

