



Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Battalion 8

DATE: June 7, 2018

TIME: 17:41 P.M.

TYPE OF ALARM: 2 Alarm Commercial Structure Fire and Vegetation Fire

LOCATION: 2707 Pittsburg/Antioch Hwy., Pittsburg

RESPONSE: E85, E88, E87, E9, E6, T83, T84, E381, E308, E386, E383, E353, E52, WT52, DZR220, Breathing Support 7, Safety TC10, INV.20, 1100, BC8, BC2, 1123(PIO) ASSISTING AGENCIES: Starr3, Dow Foam Engine, Motco WT225, EMS8, M82, M80, M57, M41

TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 68

All Concerned,

Contra Costa County Firefighters responded to a report of a small vegetation fire near a suspected transient camp. E85 arrived on scene and reported a 1 acre grass fire into the fence line and spreading into a junk yard. E85 requested all responding units to reposition onto Pittsburg/Antioch Hwy. BC8 arrived on scene at A1 Auto Dismantlers at 2707 Pittsburg/Antioch Hwy and reported smoke and flames to the rear of the business. A second alarm was requested. This fire was extremely difficult to extinguish because of water supply issues and access issues. The nearest fire hydrant was 2000' away from the fire. This fire was deep seated inside the Auto Dismantler business and was spreading to the businesses in both directions. BC8 directed resources to extinguish the fire and obtain a water supply. Fire crews quickly placed hose lines inside the businesses and began to extinguish the fire. Several explosions occurred due to the propane torches used to dismantle vehicles. One Haz-Mat storage building was completely destroyed and over 20 vehicles burned. The fire spread to a landscape company and about 20 bays of tanbark/mulch was on fire as well as 10 large steel storage containers. The quick actions from our fire crews saved a good portion of all the businesses involved. The vegetation fire was contained at 3 acres by fire crews Starr3. Starr3 assisted by making water drops on the grass fire and conducting aerial surveillance. Dow Chemical supported the firefight by supplying foam to our engines. East Contra Costa Fire crews and Motco Fire were also called in to extinguish the fire. Contra Costa Health Services provided air monitoring downwind. They also issued a health advisory for areas downwind of the incident. One Firefighter was treated and released at the hospital with a minor injury. Two civilians were injured, one was transported to the hospital by Contra Costa Fire Medics and one was treated and released at the scene. The fire was caused by a homeless person burning a candle inside her camp. This quickly spread into the nearby businesses. Our firefighters worked extremely hard for over 9 hours to extinguish this fire. The entire County Fire District was stretched thin with over 15 fire crews committed to fires in these cities. Several other crews had to move up and cover the open areas.



If you have any questions regarding these incidents please contact me.

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