

REDWOOD CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 18, 2004
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 123 Saginaw
NATURE: Hazardous Material Event
TIME: 19:49 hrs
ALL CLEAR: 21:17 hrs
UNITS ON SCENE: One Alarm
3 Engine Companies
1 Truck Company
2 Battalion Chief
1 Hazardous Material Team
INJURIES: None reported
CAUSE: Unknown the direct cause

STRUCTURE DAMAGE: None
CONTENTS DAMAGE: None

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters responded to a report of a tank self venting inside the lab of the structure. Upon arrival we met with the Director of Compliance of the lab who stated that a cylinder was venting and that it could be one of three chemicals. Hydrogen, Helium or compressed air. We were also told that the janitor had not been seen and he did not know her whereabouts. Firefighters immediately entered the building looking for the woman. She was found unharmed and was walked out of the building. The Hazardous material team entered the building and found no explosive reading with their meter. Firefighters vented the building with fans and all equipment was released. The cylinder in question was compressed air only.

The cause is under investigation by the lab personnel.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Krause