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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: April 7, 2007
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 699 Seaport Blvd, Redwood City
NATURE: Scrap Metal Fire
TIME: 8:06 A.M.
UNDER CONTROL: 6:39 A.M. (4-8-07)
UNITS ON SCENE: 2 Alarm, 2 additional Special Foam Resources
San Francisco Fire Airport Foam Unit
San Jose Fire Foam Unit
8 Engine Companies
2 Truck Company
4 Battalion Chiefs
1 Fire Prevention Officer
1 Fire Chief
INJURIES: None
CAUSE: Accidental
STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ 0
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 0

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: A fire occurred this morning at the Sims Metals facility at 699 Seaport Blvd in Redwood City. The Fire was contained to a very large pile of shredded automobile material. This particular pile is a mixture of primarily metal, and some soft goods that are generated after vehicles are shredded. From this pile, the material continues in the process and the soft goods (upholstery, fabric, plastic, etc.) are separated from the metal. The metal is then sent off to be recycled.

The fire was ultimately extinguished by applying large streams of water and firefighting foam from Aerial Ladder Trucks and other Engine Companies on the scene, working in conjunction with the personnel from Sims Metals who used large excavators with claws to move the unburned materials away from the burning pile.

Firefighters from Redwood City, Woodside, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, Belmont San Carlos Fire Department, Foster City Fire, South San Francisco Fire, and San Mateo Fire responded to this incident. In addition to these resources a special call was requested for firefighting foam which was received from San Francisco International Airport Foam Unit and San Jose Fire Foam Unit. Redwood City Water Department and San Mateo County OES also

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assisted at the scene. Redwood City Police Department isolated the scene from the large amount of traffic that was generated by onlookers trying to get a view of the Fire. The alarm level was increased to a 2nd Alarm because of the concern in the community of smoke conditions in the southern part of Redwood City and some areas of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

There were no injuries to workers or responders. The cause appears to be accidental and associated with the processing of the material. There appears to be limited, if any, damage to the raw metal that is still capable of being recycled.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Jim Skinner