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## **ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT**

DATE OF INCIDENT: January 6, 2008  
ADDRESS OF ALARM: Grand and Harrison St. Redwood City  
NATURE: Hazardous Materials Incident  
TIME: 2:38 P.M.  
UNDER CONTROL: 6:00 P.M.  
UNITS ON SCENE: 1 Alarm, 2 additional Special Call Engines  
7 Engine Companies  
1 Truck Company  
3 Battalion Chiefs  
1 Fire Marshal  
1 Fire Chief

INJURIES: None  
CAUSE: Accidental

STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ 0  
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 0

**SYNOPSIS OF ALARM:** A fire occurred this afternoon 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 from the Aerial Ladder Truck 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, and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District responded to this incident. Redwood City Water Department and San Mateo County Public Safety Communications also 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 remained at a First Alarm Assignment with 2 special Foam Equipped Apparatus also special called to assist with extinguishment.

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 Steve Cavallero