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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: June 18, 2008
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 876 Seaport Blvd., Redwood City
NATURE: Structure Fire
TIME: 15:52 (3:52 PM)
UNDER CONTROL: 16:39 (4:39PM)
UNITS ON SCENE:

5 – Fire Engines
1 – Fire Truck
3 – Battalion Chiefs
1 – Fire Chief
1 – Fire Prevention Officer
24 – Total Personnel

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM:

Redwood City Firefighters along with Firefighters from Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department responded to an unknown fire at 876 Seaport Blvd. The above address is located in an industrial section of Redwood City, commonly referred to as the Port of Redwood City. On arrival, fire companies found a working fire on the top of a concrete cement silo, approximately 80' in the air. Fire company members made their way to the top of the cement silo via the existing stairwells and discovered a fire that was confined to a concrete cement hopper (bin) on the top of the roof. A 100' aerial ladder was placed in service for additional companies to access the roof as well as a means to bring a hoseline to the roof for extinguishment. Once a hoseline had been placed in service the fire was quickly extinguished.

The fire was confined to a concrete cement hopper (bin) constructed of wood, metal and combustible roofing material, that was in the process of being dismantled by company employees. A welding / cutting torch was used in the dismantling process. Once company employees discovered the fire, they attempted to extinguish the fire with dry chemical fire extinguishers, but the fire and prevailing wind prevented them from doing so. There was no extension of fire or monetary loss since the item involved in the fire had no value.

The incident did pose concerns for firefighters as they were working on the silo roof top with no guard rail present. Special safety teams were established to monitor the firefighter's actions on the fireground.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Cavallero