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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: June 26th, 2008
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 501 Oakside Street, Redwood City
NATURE: Full Assignment, Pallet Fire
TIME: 1515 hrs (3:15 PM)
UNDER CONTROL: 1541 hrs (3:41 PM)
UNITS ON SCENE: Full Assignment Response (Second alarm)
8 Engine Companies
2 Truck Company
4 Battalion Chiefs
3 Fire Investigators
1 Breathing Support
1 Haz Mat Response team
1 Incident Dispatcher

INJURIES: None
CAUSE: Under Investigation
STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ Unknown (estimated)
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ Unknown (estimated)

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Fire Fighters along with units from the Menlo Park and Belmont-San Carlos Fire Departments responded to a reported “railroad track” fire. On arrival units found the fire to be in wooden pallet storage area that was extending to some empty 55 gallon drums. One of the drums heated up and exploded; it flew in the air and landed without injury or damage to anyone. There was a concern for hazardous materials involvement, but this proved to be false. A shelter in place advisement was made to residents in the area, and this was rescinded very quickly. There were no injuries reported as a result of this fire and no damage to any structures.

Cooperating agencies: San Mateo County Sheriff, San Mateo County Health Department, County OES, and San Mateo Public Safety Communications.

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A properly placed and working smoke detector gives a family the best chance to get out of a fire alive. Please check your smoke detectors at least twice a year!

Reporting Officer: Battalion Chief Geoffrey Balton