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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: November 2, 2008
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 320 Walnut Street, Redwood City (Foot Locker Store)
NATURE: Hazardous Materials Incident
TIME: 13:22 (1:22PM)
UNDER CONTROL: 16:22 (4:22 PM)
UNITS ON SCENE: 3 Engine Companies
1 Truck Company
2 Battalion Chiefs
1 Incident Rehab unit
1 County Haz Mat Team
4 Redwood City Police Officers
1 County OES Representative
1 County Environmental Health Representative (Chemist)
1 AMR Ambulance
1 AMR Supervisor

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters responded to a report of 5 people complaining of mild respiratory irritation at the Foot Locker Store, located at 320 Walnut Street in Redwood City. Upon arrival, Firefighters met with store employees and citizens who experienced mild throat irritation caused by the release of an unknown substance into the store. Firefighters isolated the area, and requested a Hazardous Materials Team to respond to assist in determining what may have caused the irritation. The people exposed were evaluated by Fire Department and AMR Paramedics. Ultimately, all the people exposed were treated at the scene, and none of the people were transported to the hospital.

Firefighters checked the Heating / Air Conditioning system to determine if that may have been the cause of the problem. Finding nothing wrong, Hazardous Materials Team members donned protective gear and entered the store to take air samples. Those samples also determined that whatever may have been released into the store had dissipated, and there was no longer any hazardous conditions detected.

Based upon reports from employees and citizens in the store, it is suspected that some type of pepper spray may have been released into the store.

The store was allowed to air out, and the store was turned over to the employees and allowed to resume normal operations.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Cavallero