



City of Madison Fire Department

News Release

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*** Please contact PIO Eric Dahl for questions you may have on Friday, Sept. 11th regarding this incident. (608) 261-9845 or (608) 279-7148.

30 Tons of Cardboard Burns at Recycling Plant

On Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 4:06PM, City of Madison Firefighters on Ladder 6 were called to the Madison Recycling Center, located at 2200 Fish Hatchery Road for a report of cardboard on fire, outside of the building. The 9-1-1 call taker then reported to the Lieutenant that a building may be threatened. The Lieutenant then upgraded to a full fire response, which brought in additional units -Engine 3, Medic 1, Ladder 1, Medic 6, Engine 9, Engine 4, Engine 12, Engine 8, Investigator 86 and PIO 79.

The driver of a front loader, working at the plant called 9-1-1 and reported the fire. Several employees also called 9-1-1.

Crews found 20 tons of cardboard on fire, which then spread to a 10 ton pile. The buildings sprinkler system stopped the fire from spreading into the interior of the building. The firefighters also set up a hose with a distributor nozzle (a special nozzle with holes), to prevent the fire and smoke from entering the building. Many hoselines from several engines and a master stream from Ladder 6 were used to help with extinguishment. Firefighters also applied foam, to help suppress the fire.

Employees from the plant assisted firefighters by moving the cardboard with front loaders. As the cardboard was peeled away from the piles, the firefighters extinguished any fire that flared up.

Firefighters are still on scene and continue to extinguish the fire.

No injuries or fire damage to the building.

The fire is under investigation.

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Employees of the plant called 911 early, which helped prevent any injuries or major damage to the building.

When Calling 911, the Public Safety Communications Center of Dane County would like you to...

- Answer all questions asked by the call-taker.
- Listen to all instructions provided to you by the call taker.
- Speak clearly (so we can understand what you are telling us).
- Remain calm (difficult to do at times, we understand. But by remaining calm, you will help the call taker gather valuable information needed by first responders).