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Recycling facility fire

What appears to have been an intentionally-set fire caused no injuries and little damage at a recycling facility in Campbell River March 16.

“There was a considerable amount of smoke when fire crews arrived, with so much coming from the building that fire officials asked nearby businesses to shut down their rooftop heating and ventilation systems to prevent the smoke from entering their buildings,” says deputy fire chief Chris Vrabel.

At 6:25 p.m. on March 16, Campbell River fire crews responded to a reported fire inside a cardboard and paper recycling facility on Maple St. near 16th Ave.

“When crews arrived on the scene, they found a pile of cardboard and paper that measured approximately eight metres wide by three metres tall fully engulfed in flames. The fire was contained inside the metal clad building, and crews decided the most effective method to douse the fire was to use the waterway at the tip of the ladder fire truck,” Vrabel says.

“While fire crews carried out their work, the RCMP located three youth of interest, possibly related to the cause of this fire,” Vrabel adds.

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