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Fire Department's quick responses douse fires at three local businesses in three days

The Campbell River Fire Department responded to fires at three separate businesses in three days last week.

On Monday July 16 at 10:49 a.m., firefighters were called to Kurt Leroy Trucking to extinguish a fire in their shop on Midport Road. The fire started on an acetylene tank being used to do repairs. The fire damaged the welding torch equipment, some electrical components of the building and the steel wall.

"The crew was able to extinguish the fire quickly and remove the hazardous tanks," says Fire Chief Dean Spry. "There were no injuries and the damage to the building and equipment was minimal."

On Tuesday July 17 at 5:45 a.m., the fire department responded to a monitored alarm at Brandt Tractor on 14th Ave. Upon arrival, the crew found a loader on fire in the repair shop area. The building sprinklers had activated, helping to contain the fire to the shop area.

"The crew was able to extinguish the fire after making a forced entry," says Chief Spry. The cause of the fire is believed to be an electrical malfunction.

Damage was extensive to the cab and wiring components of the loader. There was heat damage to the ceiling above the loader and smoke damage to rest of the building, the Fire Chief adds.

On Wednesday July 18 at 2:10 a.m., the fire department responded to calls of a fire at the Finning Cat building on Willow St. When the crew arrived they found an excavator fully involved in fire. The excavator was adjacent to the rear of the building on the outside of the repair bay in a secured compound.

"Callers could see the flames and thought the building was on fire," Chief Spry explains. "Fortunately the flames had not reached the building by the time the crew arrived."

The machine sustained considerable damage. The cause of the fire was jointly investigated by the Fire Department and RCMP, and the cause of the fire remains undetermined.

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