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Fire caused by welding at Target store quickly extinguished by fire crews

A 911 call alerted Campbell River firefighters to a fire at the new Target store today.

“The call came in a 9:22 a.m. reporting a roof fire, and on arrival, crews determined that the fire was actually burning inside an empty space in an exterior wall,” reports Fire Chief Ian Baikie.

“Accessing the location of the fire was difficult due to the height of the building,” Baikie adds.

The fire was extinguished using the department’s ladder truck. *“When the call came in, some off-duty and auxiliary firefighters were in the station on other business. This allowed us to have our ladder truck respond to the scene very quickly,”* Baikie explains. *“The ladder truck got a crew on the roof, and they located and extinguished the fire quickly.”*

Damage was estimated at \$5,000. The building is currently under renovation, and workers were able to re-enter the building and resume work about one hour later.

Four fire vehicles and 26 firefighters responded to the call, as well as BC ambulance and RCMP.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was caused by welding operations. There were no reported injuries.

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