

June 24, 2013

11th Avenue Structure Fire

On June 22, 2013 at 00:14 the North Island 911 Fire Dispatch Centre received multiple calls reporting a structure fire in a unit of a commercial building at 591 – 11th Avenue.

Campbell River Fire Rescue responded with 1 command unit, 3 Engines, 1 Ladder Truck 1 Rescue Truck and 31 Fire Fighters including auxiliary fire fighters from both fire stations. The first arriving crews were met with a fully involved single storey commercial structure known as White Hat Drycleaners and Commercial Laundry with flames reaching over 30 feet in the air.

With the quick response and action from the 1st arriving fire crew, the fire was contained to the one unit of the building with some exposure, water and smoke damage to a unit next door. No injuries were reported although there was extensive damage to the White Hat Drycleaners and Commercial Laundry location, with some water and smoke damage to adjacent premises.

A joint fire investigation involving fire, police and an electrical inspector from the BC Safety Authority found the fire was caused by electrical problems.

Campbell River Fire Rescue would like to remind the public to make sure they have a working smoke alarm.

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Attached are 2 photos. One photo shows the building before the arrival of the Fire Department and the other photo shows the building shortly after the Fire Department arrived on scene.

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