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Firefighters Stop Spread of Commercial Fire

Date/Time: **Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 3:35 p.m.**
Location: **10, 300 block of Almond Ave., Fontana**
Incident: **Commercial Fire**

Summary: At 3:35 p.m. today, employees at Titan Recycling in Fontana were cleaning the area around a pile of recycling material using a large street sweeper type machine when the piece of debris lodged in the sweepers mechanism. The mechanical problems ignited a twenty foot wide by thirty foot wide by twenty foot high pile of metal and debris the company recycles. The initial responding units found this pile and the sweeper well involved with fire upon arrival. After thirty minutes of aggressive firefighting, the 22 firefighters had the fire extinguished.

The aggressive fire attack employed significantly reduced the business owners loss and prevented the spread of fire to exposures.

Although this fire was relatively small, the challenge faced by firefighters was that at the same time several vegetation fires erupted in the Cajon pass and the San Antonio Heights area which reduced already stretched firefighting resources.

Message: Always have an appropriate Fire Extinguisher available and train annually on how to use it effectively.

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