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### **Industrial fire at 1921 Coulter Road**

No one was injured, but heat and flames from a fire at Noboco damaged both the building and stored products at the styrofoam manufacturing plant.

On Jan. 4 at 7:42 a.m., Campbell River fire crews responded to a report of an industrial fire at 1921 Coulter Road.

*“When fire crews arrived, they confirmed heavy smoke was coming from the large industrial building,” says deputy fire chief Thomas Doherty. “The building was equipped with a sprinkler system, which limited the spread of fire and enabled crews to initiate a quick interior attack to contain the fire to one area of the building.”*

At the time of the fire, an estimated 40,000 styrofoam containers and an additional 40,000 styrofoam lids were stored in preparation for shipment.

*“The fuel load in the building was extremely flammable and posed considerable risk to fire crews,” Doherty adds.*

A damage estimate is yet to be finalized, however Doherty says there is a considerable amount of damage to the stored products as well as structural damage due to the high heat from the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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