

Firefighters called to Parker Tech Seal Division

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Gothenburg Volunteer firefighters showed up at Parker Tech Seal Division Thursday to extinguish smoldering material in a blower fan.

Second assistant fire chief Chris Brede said the call came at about 11:15 a.m. and when they arrived, smoke was coming out of the blower fan on top of a cyclone.

“Some fine rubber dust on the sides inside the blower was smoldering,” Brede said noting that sensors at the plant set off sprinklers that were already dumping water into the fan. “We put a hose up there and doused the water on the smolder spots,” he said.

Brede said no one was injured and there was little, if any, damage.

“It was pretty well contained,” he said.

Firefighters were on the scene about an hour.

When they left, Brede said plant employees were getting ready to start up the blower fan.

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