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ALERT SUMMARY: WYNNEWOOD EXPLOSIONS

DATE
May 12, 2006

TIME
2:30 pm Central

LOCATION
Wynnewood
Oklahoma

INCIDENT SITUATION

WYNNEWOOD, OK., May 12, 2006- Several firefighters responded to two explosions that resulted in a three-alarm fire at the Wynnewood Refining Company in Wynnewood. Officials left the fire to burn itself out for several hours, rather than attempting to extinguish it. Approximately 2,500 residents east of the refinery and south of Route 29 were asked to evacuate from their homes, and emergency services asked residents of the smoke-affected areas to close their windows and doors and stay inside. Several schools and businesses were also evacuated. Highway 77 was shut down in both directions near the scene as a precaution, and smoke from the fire was reportedly visible from as far away as Oklahoma City. Officials later stated that the fire did not pose a public health hazard, and no injuries were reported. Wynnewood Refining Company produces gasoline, diesel fuel, military jet fuel and solvents.

NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provides ongoing updates to members as the incident unfolds through the National Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC). NIMC analysts follow the incident using official government sources as well as national and local media sources - linking to the KFOR local breaking article "[Large Refinery Fire Hits Wynnewood: Evacuations Underway](#)" including images from the scene.

Selected NIMC Updates:

Officials are on scene of two explosions that have caused a fire at the Wynnewood Refining Company. (5/12/06 15:19)

All schools in the area have been evacuated after two explosions at the refinery. (5/12/06 15:54)

Town is under evacuation due to explosion, fire and heavy smoke. (5/12/06 16:17)

Fire continues to burn, no injuries reported. (5/12/06 16:22)

Officials will let the fire burn itself out. 2500 residents have been evacuated. (5/12/06 16:50)

Officials report that the fire does not pose a public health hazard. (5/12/06 18:13)

The fire is contained. Officials will remain on scene overnight. (5/12/06 21:08)

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Incident Detail

Fire (Explosion)

When: 2006-05-12 12:39 PDT

Where: 906 N Powell Ave
Wynnewood, OK 73098
United States

Synopsis: N Powell Ave - Town is under evacuation due to explosion and fire at refinery.

What: Officials are on the scene of two explosions and a resulting three-alarm fire at the Wynnewood Refining Company in Wynnewood. No injuries have been reported, but there is concern that fatalities might have occurred. All area schools and a nursing home have been evacuated. An evacuation of the town has begun as a precaution. Highway 77 is closed in the vicinity of the refinery.

Special Program/Event: N/A

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