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Subject : Humboldt Bay Fire Responds to Portable Toilet Fires At Palco Marsh

Contact : Fire Chief Bill Gillespie – (707) 441-4000

On the morning of March 22, 2016 at 5:28 AM, an engine from Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a report of portable toilets on fire in the area known as “the North Forty” near the Palco Marsh. Bayshore Mall Security was on scene on arrival of Humboldt Bay fire. Firefighters located the remains of two portable toilet structures that had been almost entirely consumed by fire in the far north parking lot to the rear of the Bayshore Mall. Firefighters extinguished the remaining fire.

The two toilets, provided by the Humboldt Bay Harbor District in an attempt to help prevent human waste from entering Humboldt Bay, had been reduced to piles of burned plastic and fecal material and were a total loss.

On scene personnel attempted to identify the cause of the fire, but were unsuccessful. The fire is suspicious, but at this time the cause is undetermined. Persons having any information about the fire are asked to contact Humboldt Bay Fire at 441-4000.

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