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Subject : Dumpster Fires Continue in Eureka

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On 12/8/18 at 4:11 A.M. three fire engines, a ladder truck and a chief officer from Humboldt Bay Fire were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the alley at 5th and H Streets. The first unit arrived on scene to find two trash bins on fire which were spreading to nearby shrubbery and exposing overhead power lines to fire. The unit on scene extinguished the fire within five minutes, limiting the damage to the trash bins and landscaping.

During the structure fire response, a call was received about another dumpster fire in the alley at 3rd and H Streets. One of the other responding units was diverted to handle that incident. An occupant of one of the buildings had controlled the fire with a garden hose as that fire unit arrived on scene.

A third fire was found by fire personnel in the alley at 3rd and E Street. That was extinguished by fire personnel. The Eureka Police Department was requested to assist with canvassing the area for additional fires or persons who may have information regarding the fires.

Humboldt Bay Fire wants to remind everyone to use caution if they choose to fight a dumpster fire. The smoke from a burning dumpster is filled with many unknown chemicals from trash that are hazardous to one's health. Many times there are aerosol cans that will rupture in dumpster fires and can cause injury to someone close to the dumpster.

Humboldt Bay Fire is investigating the dumpster fires this morning as arson fires. Any information related to these fires is helpful. Please contact Humboldt Bay Fire at (707) 441-4000.

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