



BAY AREA
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Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

Deal Auto Wrecking

400 W Gertrude Ave, Richmond, CA 94801

December 16, 2016

On 12/16/16 at approximately 7:35 am a fire broke out at Deal Auto Wrecking located at the intersection of West Gertrude Avenue and the Richmond Parkway in Richmond. Air District Staff arrived on scene at about 7:45 am. Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials issued a Shelter in Place Advisory at 8:27 am for Richmond.

Wind at this time was from the north west at 10 to 15 mph and carried a heavy black smoke plume toward the El Cerrito hills. Richmond and Chevron Refinery Fire departments responded with several engines. A large number of vehicles were involved in the fire. Initially a ladder truck was positioned on the Parkway; however, the fire continued to spread. Chevron Refinery Fire Department positioned a foam truck inside the wrecking yard's lot at about 8:21am and began to extinguish the fire. All clear was called at approximately 10:00 am and the Contra Costa County Health Department lifted the Shelter in Place at 11:00 am.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Air District Inspectors continue to investigate.