



CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Incident Information Fact Sheet



Incident Name: Van Buren

Incident Location: 5200 Van Buren

Type of Incident: Haz-Mat

Incident Number: RIV #17-022879

Date Reported: 08/06/2017

Time Reported: 9:09 PM

Fatalities: 0 **Critical:** 0 **Moderate:** 0 **Minor:** 0 **Non Injury:** 0

Transported Ground Ambulance(s): 0

Loss: \$50,000

Save: \$0

Cause: Discharge of Pepper Spray

Control Time: 08/06/2017 2227

Evacuations: No

Evacuation Comments:

RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Fire Fighters: 10

Engine Companies: 2

Truck Companies: 1

Specialized Equipment:

Overhead Personnel: 1

Ambulance(s): 0

Water Tenders: 0

Utilities: No

Red Cross: No

Displaced Persons: No

CURRENT SITUATION

(Recent updates are posted at the top of Current Situation)

On Sunday August, 2017 at 9:09 p.m. The City of Riverside Fire Department responded to Wal-Mart at 5200 Van Buren for reports of pepper spray being discharged in the store due to an altercation between shoppers. Firefighters arrived to find four shoppers with complaints. Additional resources were requested along with the Haz-Mat team. The store was evacuated with the area of the pepper spray being discharged isolated. County Environmental health was contacted. The area in the store was cleaned with store product removed that was in the area of the discharge of the pepper spray. The four initial store shoppers denied treatment. One person was medical evaluated on scene and released on scene. The store was released back to store management and normal business routine. Wal-Mart was closed down for approx. 50 minutes. Approx. 200 shoppers were evacuated over 20 minutes. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. A total of 10 firefighters responded and one chief officer. The Riverside Police Department conducted an investigation of the altercation.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

AMR, Environmental Health, Riverside Police