

## Two Alarms Today on Chapel Hill Road

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Billowing black smoke in west Raleigh was visible for miles after an indoor asphalt vat (are there outdoor ones?) caught fire at a construction company at 6115 Chapel Hill Road. Engine 8 was first on scene at a one-story metal warehouse building with 40,640 square-feet. Built in 1954. Heavy, heavy smoke showing. Engine 8 laid a dry supply line from the northeast corner of Chapel Hill and Edwards Mill roads. Fire found contained in vat inside structure. [WTVD](#) posted this among their aerial photos. See also [WRAL](#).



*WTVD photo*

Second hydrant was sought, with one found close to the building that was dry. Third hydrant sought on Chapel Hill Road. Crews meanwhile had brought a couple lines into the building, along with a portable monitor. Foam was applied. Ladder 7 was deployed, for potential master stream use. The fire was extinguisher prior to the second line being laid (I think). Dispatched 3:40 p.m. Second alarm requested soon after Engine 8 arrived and performed size-up. Controlled 4:14 p.m. Cause determined as accidental ignition during maintenance of gas burner. Units on scene included E8, E14, E5, E20, L7, L3, R2, B3, A1, C20, C40, EMS 4, EMS 35, D5 (first alarm), E16, E6, E1, L4, R3, B3, C2, C5, C72, EMS 11, D4, M94, T1. Photographer Mike Legeros was home for the afternoon, napping. He passed Engine 16 as they were leaving for the second alarm. Top photo taken at 4:04 p.m. More later.

