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Storage Structure Sustains Heavy Damage From Thursday-Morning Fire at WICO

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Facility at WICO which suffered fire damage during the morning time of Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022

ST. THOMAS — V.I. Fire Service personnel were present Thursday morning at the West Indian Company Limited dock to contain a fire that was emanating from the roof and western entranceway of the corrugated metal storage structure.

According to a release from V.I.F.S., three units from the Omar Brown Sr. Fire Station (Hotel Company) responded to the scene at about 6:26 a.m.

Upon arrival to the location, fire personnel observed heavy, black smoke emanating from the aforementioned area. First-responding crews immediately commenced firefighting operations,

V.I.F.S. said. While they worked to gain entry to the structure, three additional units from the Emile Berry (Echo Company) and George P. Scott (Lima Company) fire stations traveled to the scene to provide support.

Crews on scene promptly brought the fire under control and commenced ventilation and overhaul operations at approximately 7:12 a.m., according to the release. In total, 11 personnel and six units responded to the fire.

V.I.F.S. said there were no injuries. However, the storage structure sustained heavy fire damage and the eight golf carts housed within it were destroyed.

The Arson Investigation and Prevention Unit is currently investigating the fire.

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