



City of Yellowknife Fire Department

PRESS RELEASE

At 1635 hours on June 19, 2011, the Yellowknife Fire Department responded to a fire at the Yellowknife Landfill, west end, in the bale storage area. The area involved was approximately 150m x 100m in size. The fire was burning under the surface, with spot fires popping up.

The YKFD responded with 2 pumper/aerial trucks, two water tankers, a rescue truck, an ambulance and two administration vehicles. The apparatus was staffed with 24 personnel.

Due to the extent and depth of the fire, a helicopter and water bombers were called in to assist in bringing the fire under control, allowing baling facility personnel to cover the area involved with soil/gravel to smother the fire.

The cause of the fire is undetermined.

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