

SUTRO TOWER INCIDENT REPORT

Early Sunday morning, February 8, 2009 the Fire Department responded to an alarm at our facility. There was a rather large number of fire fighting equipment and firefighters in the area. Not knowing in advance what the problem was, they dispatched a variety of equipment and personnel.

It was caused by a transformer in one of our television station's room overheating causing a great deal of smoke. No actual flames were produced. The smoke triggered the fire alarm which was received by our on site guard and our security monitoring company who called the fire department. The fire department investigated the situation for about one and one-half hours and located the problem. The equipment which the transformer powered had shut itself off and the smoke diminished.

It's very unusual for a transformer to overheat but occasionally a small manufacturing defect can, over time, cause overheating. This is the first time in the 17 years of my tenure this or any other situation has caused a fire department response.

I'm sorry for any inconvenience or disturbance this caused.

Gene Zastrow
General Manager