

# **New Bedford Fire Department responds to large, involved fire at Bob's Tire**

"On Thursday at 11:49AM multiple 911 calls were received reporting a fire at Bob's Tire located at 79 Brook Street.

First arriving fire apparatus reported a well-involved fire extending out of the building and igniting nearby piles of shredded tires. Crews initially made entry into the large warehouse building where tire shredding is conducted. Due to rapidly declining conditions, crews were removed from the building and transitioned to an exterior attack. A general alarm response was called for soon after.

The NBFD received assistance from the NBPD, NBEMS, NBEMA, the Department of Fire Services, State Hazardous Materials Team, the MA Department of Environmental Protection, and the Special Signal Fire Association / Providence Canteen. MA State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey was also on scene. No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported. The cause of the fire was investigated by the NBFD Fire Investigation Unit and determined to be accidental. The fire originated in a tire shredder located inside the building.

Crews are remaining on scene throughout the evening to ensure there are no smoldering fires. This was a manpower intensive operation involving the use of heavy machinery to relocate piles of shredded tires for extinguishment. Fire crews also used cutting torches to access smoldering fires in shredding machines.

Mutual aid was provided by Dartmouth Fire Districts 1, 2, & 3, along with the Acushnet, Freetown, and Fairhaven Fire Departments.

Great work was done today by our members along with all of our public safety partners from the city, state, and surrounding departments. Thanks to all of you!" -New Bedford Fire Department.

**All photos by the New Bedford Fire Department:**



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