

South Shore fireworks barge catches fire



The South Shore fireworks barge on fire July 5. Photo/TDFPD

Hours after the last firework was shot off July 4 on the South Shore, one of three barges caught fire.

The fire was reported at 12:27am July 5. The fireworks started at 9:45pm July 4 and were over less than 30 minutes later.

The crew on board was unable to extinguish the blaze. Tahoe Douglas firefighters responded with their fire boat and were able to suppress the flames in six minutes.

A boom was placed around the barge to keep any contaminants from floating into other areas of the lake. The barges are positioned just off Edgewood Tahoe in Stateline.

Along with Tahoe Douglas, the U.S. Coast Guard and Nevada Department of Wildlife will be involved in the investigation.

The extent of damage to the barge or things on it has not been reported. There were no injuries

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