

Recycling fuel for fire sparks community smoke warning

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A community advice warning was issued after a large fire “ripped through” a recycling facility in Dandenong South.

FRV and CFA crews responded to an automatic alarm at the Cleanaway premises at Thomas Murrell Crescent about 2.35am on Saturday 20 November.

“Upon arrival, crews found a significant amount of recycling materials were alight, with large flames and smoke issuing from the premise,” an FRV spokesperson said.

“The fire had ripped through a building on the site.”

More than 18 FRV firefighters were involved in the operation, which included machinery pulling apart rubbish to “break up the fuel load”.

Pumper appliances hosed down the flames with water.

Environment Protection Authority Victoria staff also attended. WorkSafe and City of Greater Dandenong were notified, the FRV spokesperson said.

“The community advice warning has been issued for smoke in the area.”

Fire crews remained on scene at the Cleanaway fire at 8am, more than five hours after responding to an automatic alarm. 258913

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Fire crews were hosing down the recycling facility for several hours. 258913



Fire fighters at the scene of the blaze. 258913