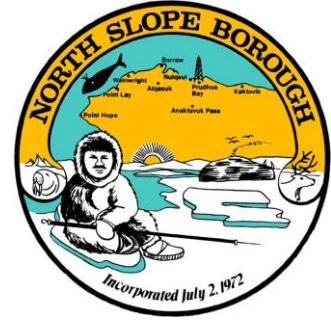


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Incident: NSB Shipping and Receiving Fire, Utqiagvik, Alaska

Utqiagvik, Alaska — January 26, 2024

Early in the morning of January 26, 2024, a significant fire incident occurred in Utqiagvik, Alaska, resulting in the complete destruction of a local building. We are immensely relieved to report that there were no casualties or loss of life associated with this event.

Emergency services responded promptly and efficiently to contain the situation and ensure the safety of the local community. Currently, the water supply is experiencing a shortage or is low in availability. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation, and further details will be provided as they become available.

The safety and well-being of the residents of Utqiagvik, and the Borough at large, remain our top priority. We kindly ask locals and those affected to give space and cooperation to first responders and authorities as they work diligently to manage the situation and ensure everyone's safety.

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