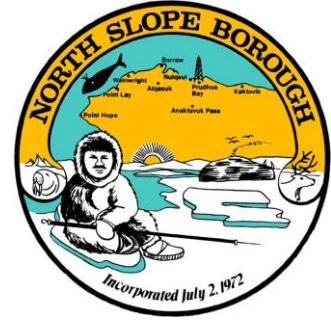


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Incident Update: NSB Shipping and Receiving Fire, Utqiagvik, Alaska

Utqiagvik, Alaska — January 30, 2024

Thursday, January 25, 2024, at approximately 11:05 pm, North Slope Borough Emergency Dispatch received a call reporting a Fire in Utqiagvik, Alaska, on Ahkovak Street. Emergency responders were immediately dispatched to the scene. The building was identified as the North Slope Borough Shipping and Receiving building.

Emergency services are responding promptly and efficiently to contain the situation; unfortunately, the site is still unsafe. Expect to continue to see rising smoke and steer clear of the area.

The water notice is still in effect: We kindly ask that you make an effort to preserve water. Public officials have been securing the site and monitoring the smoke dissipated. For questions call the Mayor's Office at 907-852-0200.

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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