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News Article

Explosion, fire at Suburban Mfg. injures one worker



A fire at Suburban Manufacturing in Dayton was extinguished before Dayton firefighters arrived at the Broadway Street plant (above). One worker was seriously injured in the explosion and fire. (Herald-News photo by Matt Williams)

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The Dayton Fire Department responded to an explosion Thursday afternoon at Suburban Manufacturing at 676 Broadway St.

When firefighters arrived at 5:30 p.m., the fire was already out. A plant supervisor advised fire department officials that a paint barrel that was being loaded onto a forklift had exploded, according to Dayton Fire Capt. Dean Wilson.

Robert Bishop, a Suburban employee, suffered second-degree burns to his right leg and ankle and was transported to Rhea Medical Center.

He was later transferred to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. His condition is not known. Fire department officials said static electricity was a likely cause of the explosion.

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