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Mr. John Barnacle
3 South 101 Rockwell Street #598
Warrenville, Illinois 60555

Re: August 2, 2018 FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Barnacle:

I am pleased to help you with your August 2, 2018 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). The Village of Bensenville received your request on August 2, 2018. You requested copies of the items indicated below:

"Request investigation report completed by Tom Knight regarding the explosion/injury of employees at Aaron manufacturing, 735 E. Green St., Bensenville, IL on 7/13/18. Include any photographic evidence that was taken at the time."

After a search of Village files, the following documents are enclosed to fulfill your request:

- 1) Village of Bensenville Report of Incident Dated 7/13/2018. (1 pg.)
- 2) Village of Bensenville Photo Log RE: Incident Dated 7/13/2018. (1 pg.)
- 3) Village of Bensenville Photos RE: Incident Dated 7/13/2018. (37 pgs.)

These are all of the documents that can be discovered responsive to your request.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns in connection with this response.

Very truly yours,

Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Bensenville

7-13-2018 1630 hrs.

At 1434 hrs. Chief Mike Spain called me and asked that I respond to Aaron Equipment at 735 E. Green St. where they treated and transported 2 burn victims from an explosion.

I met Ken Matuszak, Operations Manager on site and he escorted me to the scene inside the shop.

Inside the large factory area, a worker was using a cutting torch to heat bolts for removal. The bolts secured the centrifuge machine to its base. The goal was to remove the machine, dismantle it, clean and rebuild it.

Witnesses say he was using the torch for about 5 minutes when there was an explosion and fire. The worker was burned to his arms and chest and received first aid from coworkers. Bensenville Fire Paramedics transported him to Loyola's Burn Center in Maywood. Another worker was transported to Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove.

The centrifuge is a machine used to separate liquids from solids. This unit was purchased by Aaron in 2000 and placed in storage in the outdoor yard at 840 E. Green Street. It is unknown when it was last used or for what purpose.

I took several photos and video with my iPhone. I suggested they maintain the integrity of the scene, contact their insurance company, and make a report to OSHA.

735 E. Green Street
PHOTO LOG

Explosion and Fire With Injuries
7/13/2018

SHEET	PHOTO #	DESCRIPTION OF PHOTO
1	#1	Centrifuge Control Panel at 6
2	#1	Centrifuge at 11
	#2	Centrifuge at 9
3	#1	Centrifuge at 3
	#2	Centrifuge at 5
	#3	Centrifuge at 1
4	#1	Top of centrifuge, cover missing and hinges damaged
	#2	Fill pipe
	#3	Pump asembly
5	#1 - #4	Centrifuge interior, non-descript
6	#1 - #3	Centrifuge interior, non-descript
7	#1	AREA OF WORK: bottle jack in place, bolt partially removed, fill cap in view
	#2	AREA OF WORK: wide angle
	#3	AREA OF WORK: fill pipe and cap in place
	#4	AREA OF WORK: close
8	#1	Leg #4, bolt partially removed
9	1	SCENE: Area of victim rescue, victim's clothes, spent extinguishers
	#2	SCENE: Area of victim rescue, victim's clothes, multiple spent water bottles
	#3	SCENE: Area of work and original position of tank cart
	#4	SCENE: Area of work
10	#1	SCENE: Area of victim rescue, 2 spent fire extinguishers, victim's clothes
	#2	SCENE: fire extinguisher in tank cart
	#3	SCENE: tag on spent fire extinguisher
	#4	SCENE: spent extinguisher near large fan (note position of fan in Photo #2, SHEET 10)
11	#1	SCENE: small part of cover to top of centrifuge original location
	#2	Large part of cover to top of centrifuge moved to pallet prior to photo
	#3	Face shield, partial cover frame and large piece of cover moved prior to photo
	#4	Small piece of cover from Photo #1 close up
12	#1	Face shield moved to pallet prior to photo (original position unknown)
13	#1	Similar centrifuge unit located in the shop, previously serviced

NOTES: The photos of the centrifuge on SHEETS 1, 2, and 3 are labeled by position on the clock if the Control Panel is 6 o'clock.

The photo on SHEET 8 of Leg #4 indicates the leg of the centrifuge to the right of the Control Panel

All photos are taken by Tom Knight between 1459 hrs. and 1530 hrs. on July 13, 2018.











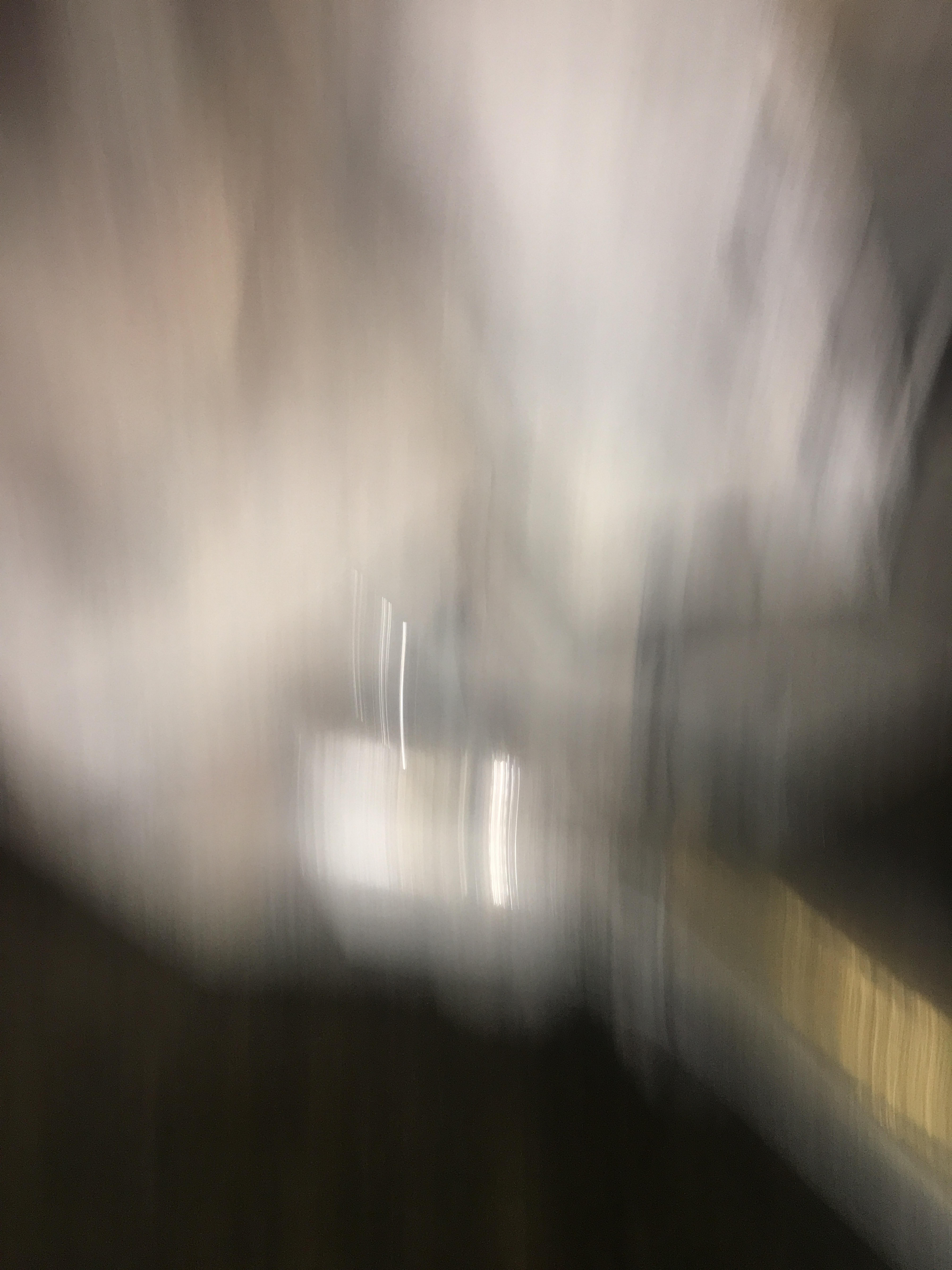


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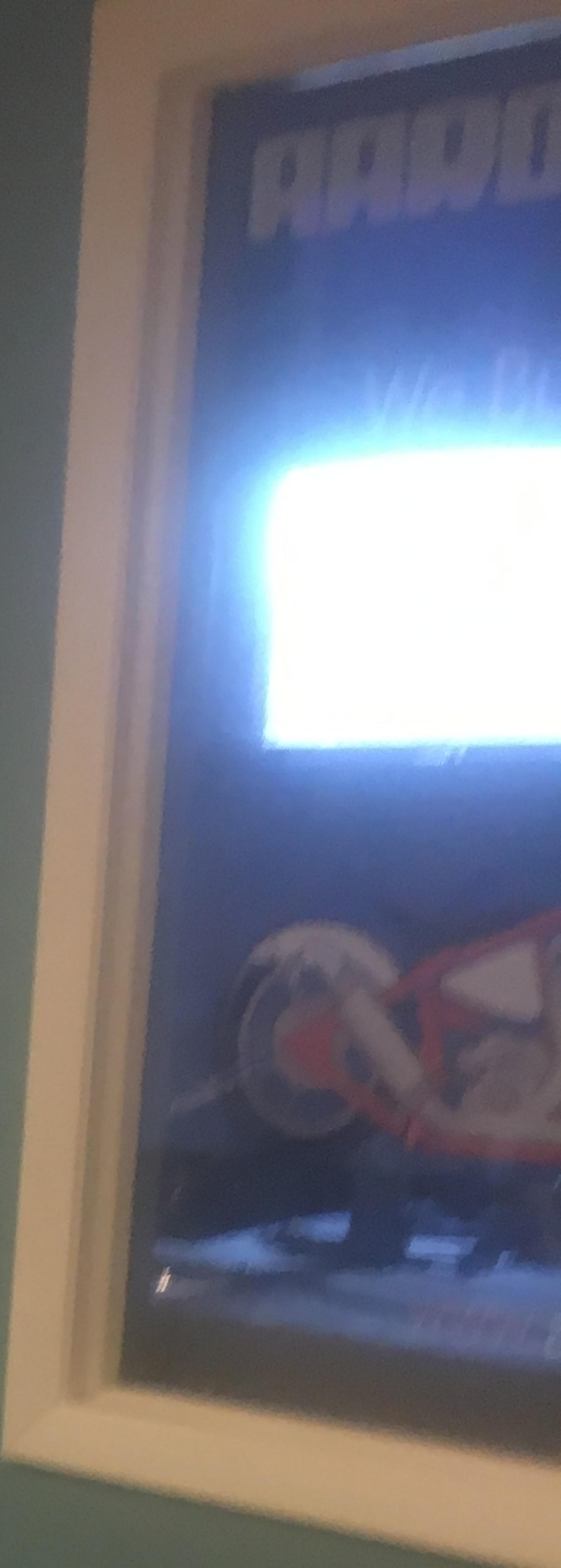
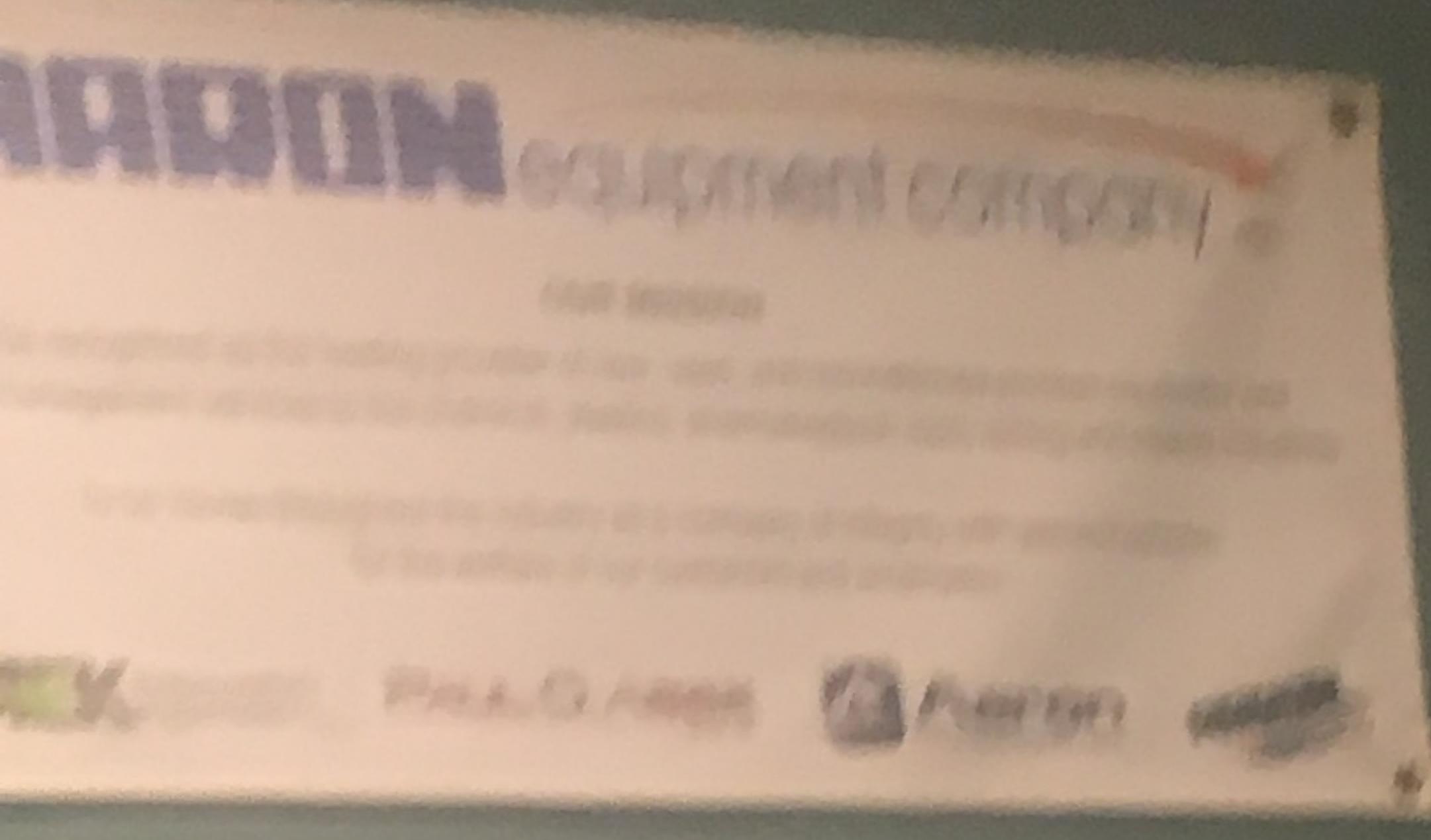
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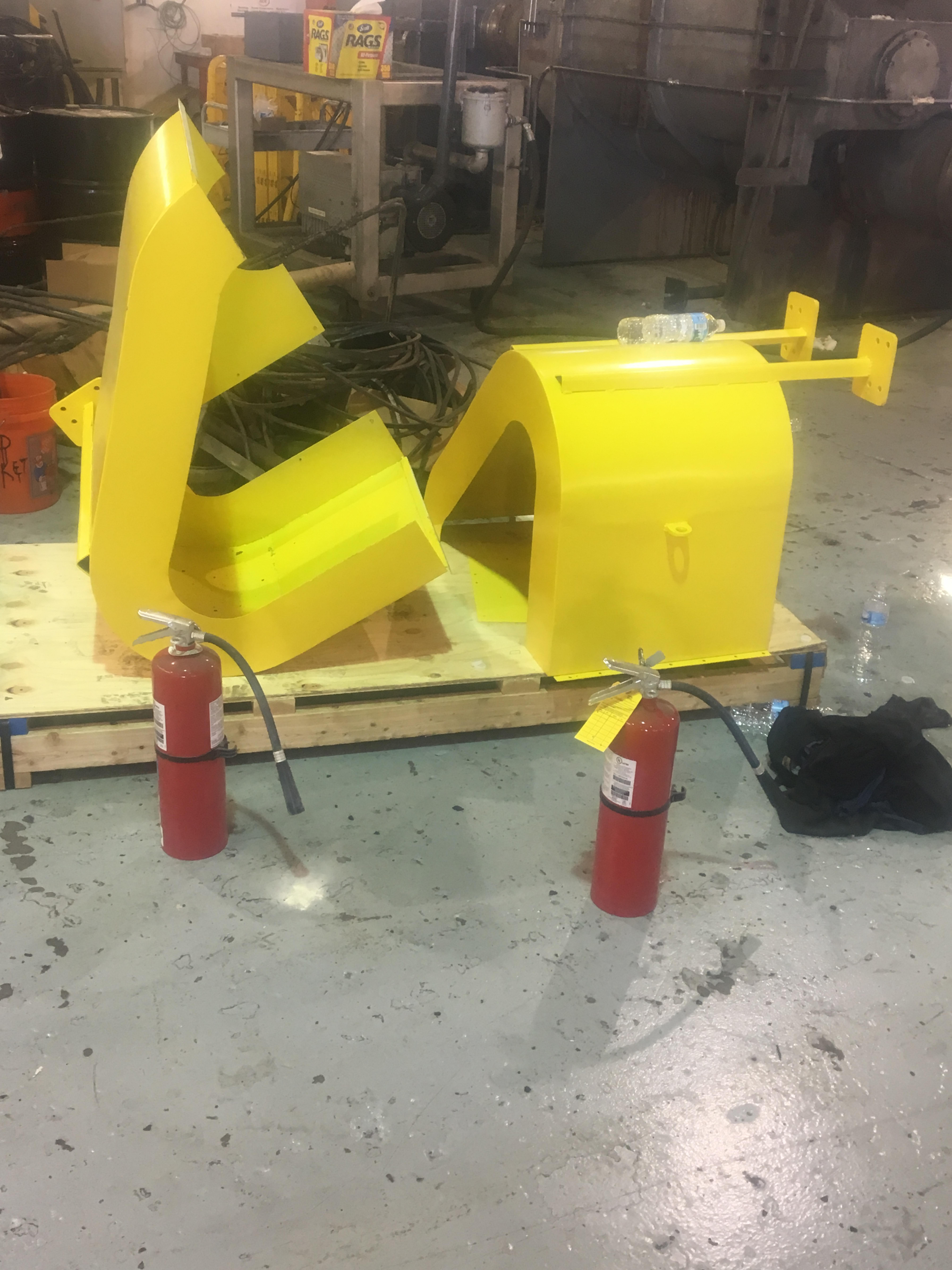
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