

# City of Terre Haute

## Salvage Yard Fires

### Daily Drill



Auto Salvage Yard Fires create challenges for our department.

Last week our Department responded to Mikes Auto Salvage with approximately 30 cars on fire. Employees were moving cars away with front end loaders from the main body of fire to prevent exposure problems to other cars and power lines. Initial dispatch, Eng. 11 and Tanker 8, but escalated to a first alarm assignment and Mutual-Aid Tanker Response for a Drafting Operation. Eng. 6 laid over a 1,000' of 5" supply line at the closest hydrant North of Locust on Brown Ave. and supplied Ladder 8 for Aerial Master Stream Operations. We have responded to a number of fires in salvage yards before. Below is a list of hazards we encountered last week and from stories that Veteran Firefighters have talked about around the kitchen table. For

Training, please discuss this with your company as well as your personal experiences.

Poor Access, Lack of Water Supply, Collapse Hazard from Stacked Cars, Trip Hazards, Front End Loaders that are assisting us have limited visibility, so watch for them if you are working in proximity, Water Run Off, Accountability, Ladder Trucks maybe to difficult to maneuver in the yard, Residual fluids in vehicle, Bees, Wasp, Mosquitoes, Toxic Smoke, Visibility, Train Tracks in the yard, Weather Conditions, and lastly I was informed about a salvage yard that was built on top of a dump on 1st street. The fire started in the yard, but began to burn under ground and it was fought for several days.

