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## **Benicia Fire Department Issues Statement on Cause of Benicia Port Fire Cause Appears Unintentional**

**Benicia, CA (April 12, 2022)** — Benicia Fire Chief Josh Chadwick released a statement today on the preliminary findings of the investigation into the cause of the Benicia Port Fire, which consumed a portion of the pier last Saturday.

“While the fire investigation is still open and ongoing, preliminary findings indicate that the origin of the fire was on or near the lower portion of the coke conveyor belt system near the base of the silos,” said Benicia Fire Chief Josh Chadwick. “The fire appears to be unintentional in nature. Electrical and mechanical causes have not yet been ruled out.”

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