

## Beastly Blast at Buncefield



The big explosion that erupted in Hemel Hempstead

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**Yesterday morning, a huge explosion which resulted in a fire occurred in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, when an oil tank ignited.**

At 6.01am on the 11<sup>th</sup>, chaos struck Buncefield oil depot in west Hertfordshire. Early in the morning, tank 912 began to overfill: vapour clouds began to escape, which were ignited by a spark from an outdoor light.

The fire then started to

spread and then destroyed the rest of the tanks. Huge and uncontrollable, the fire is rising up higher into the dark clouds. The fire engines were like bright red shooting stars rushing to rescue. Relieved, they found no casualties when they arrived.

Local politician, Joe Stevens, released a statement about the humungous explosion. "They're now in the situation where they physically can't fight it -

they've got over 100 firemen up there; they've got crews available from all over the south east" he explained.

Local residents recalled the moment of the explosion, "It was terrifying; it was like a plane crashing down into the ground", said local businessman, Herbet Flabington.

The fire men are now trying to maintain the fire: all for the locals have been advised to stay in their houses for the next 4 or 5 days.