

**INCIDENT**

NERIS Incident Number	2026-1451
CAD Incident Number	2026-1451
CAD Agency Number	261451
Shift	A Shift
District	Zone East
Station	Station 3
Business / Location Name	Blue Whale Materials
Location	1582 INDUSTRIAL BLVD BARTLESVILLE
Incident Type	Other Outside Fire, Hazardous Material Release (Chemical from Fixed Facility)
Primary Incident Type	Other Outside Fire
Actions and Tactics	Establish Fire Lines, Confinement, Fire Control / Extinguishment
Primary Location Type	Industrial Yard
Location Status	In Use

TIMES

PSAP Time	04/14/2026 21:17:00
Dispatch Time	04/14/2026 21:18:58
Enroute Time	04/14/2026 21:20:43
Arrival on Scene Time	04/14/2026 21:24:56
Incident Clear Time	04/15/2026 12:28:32

FIRE

Water Supply	Hydrant (Est. Flow > 500 gpm)
Investigation Needed	Yes
Investigation Types	Investigated by Formal Arson / Fire Investigator, Investigated by Other

OUTSIDE FIRE

Outside Fire Cause	Battery / Power Storage
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NARRATIVE

Incident Narrative On April 14, 2026, at 2120 hours, the Bartlesville Fire Department (BFD) was dispatched to Blue Whale Materials for a reported fire in the battery storage yard.

Engine 3 (E3) arrived on scene at approximately 2124 hours as the first-due apparatus and made access through the west gate by cutting a secured lock. Initial size-up identified an approximately 80 ft. x 80 ft. outdoor lithium-ion battery storage yard with multiple pallets fully involved. Flame heights were estimated at 20 feet with significant radiant heat, limiting close access.

Battalion 1 assumed Incident Command (IC) of the fire

Incident Narrative

upon arrival and later transitioned into an Operations role, maintaining oversight of all fireground operations for the duration of the incident.

The initial operational objective was to access the southeast corner of the yard to establish a water supply; however, due to fire intensity and the proximity of pallets, crews were unable to safely advance to that location.

E3 and Engine 4 (E4) deployed two 1½-inch (150 ft) preconnects and one 2½-inch (200 ft) attack line. Three portable master stream devices (blitz fire monitors) were placed into operation to provide large-volume water application from a defensive position.

Engine 11 (E11) established a primary water supply by deploying a 5-inch supply line from a hydrant located on Industrial Boulevard to the northwest corner, supplying E4 and supporting relay operations.

E4 established a relay pumping operation to supply E3. Upon securing a sustained water supply, the E3 equipment operator utilized the deck gun for elevated master stream application.

Tower 1 (T1) arrived on scene and was positioned on the north side, outside of the battery storage yard. T1 was supplied by a 5-inch line connected from a hydrant. Dewey Fire Department engine was connected to T1. Dewey's engine established a draft operation utilizing hard suction from two portable tanks while relay pumping to T1.

A water shuttle operation was implemented and sustained for approximately three hours. Participating agencies and apparatus included the following:

Dewey Fire Department: 1 tanker (1,500 gallons)

Ochelata Fire Department: 2 tankers (1,800 gallons and 1,500 gallons)

Oglesby Fire Department: 5 tankers (2,000 gallons each)

Washington County Emergency Management: 1 tanker (1,800 gallons)

Tankers completed approximately 14 rotations each to maintain continuous water supply to portable tanks supporting drafting operations.

Due to the hazards associated with lithium-ion battery fires, including thermal runaway and extended burn potential, all operations were conducted with a defensive strategy. Primary tactical objectives included exposure protection, cooling of uninvolved and adjacent battery pallets and containers, and confinement of the fire to the original footprint.

Tower 1 was utilized for elevated master stream application to cool surrounding materials and protect exposures. Ground monitors and handlines supported suppression and cooling efforts.

Bartlesville Ambulance was on scene and established a rehabilitation (rehab) area, allowing crews to cycle through for rest, hydration, and medical monitoring during extended operations.

Several Blue Whale Materials employees were also on site and assisted operations by utilizing forklifts and a skid steer to move pallets and materials. This support helped isolate burning products and create separation between involved and uninvolved areas, contributing to exposure protection efforts.

No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported. Firefighters operated in an environment with unknown exposure hazards due to the nature of the materials and limited access. The fire was contained to the battery storage yard. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

OFFICER IN CHARGE**Officer In Charge**

Silva, Stephanie

WEATHER**Weather Conditions**

light rain

Temperature

73.04

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Humidity	78
Cloudiness	100
Barometric Pressure	30.36
Visibility	6
Wind Speed	18.03
Wind Direction	W