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Playground Equipment Destroyed by Fire at Westside Park

On Monday, May 9, 2016 at approximately 5:16 PM, calls were received for a fire at Lakeland's Westside Park located at 1800 Oakhill Street, Lakeland, FL 33815. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered fully involved playground equipment.

The fire was contained to the playground equipment. The fire was under control within approximately half an hour to forty-five minutes after arrival and Lakeland Fire Department Fire Investigators were called to the scene to investigate.

The fire was contained to the playground equipment and there was no personal property loss or injury to any individuals.

LFD Investigators have ruled the fire suspicious and the cause remains under investigation. If anyone has any information of any suspicious activity at the park's playground on the date of the event, information can be shared with Fire Investigators at 863-834-8201.

For information in regards to the park equipment, park, or other questions better suited for the City of Lakeland's Parks and Recreation Department, please contact Kevin Cook, Director of Communications at 863-834-6264.

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