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Small fire at UCT's Upper Campus fully doused within two hours

The University of Cape Town (UCT) confirms that a small fire was reported above Upper Campus on a vacant field near the top dam late on Wednesday, 5 January 2022 and put out shortly thereafter.

There was no danger to any human life and the fire was very far from any buildings or infrastructure.

The fire was reported around 23:30 (on 5 January) by the patrolling UCT Campus Protection Services (CPS) officers and the standard operating procedure was followed. The fire services department was on site within 15 minutes and the fire was declared fully doused by 01:45 on Thursday morning.

UCT commends the CPS patrol officers and the fire services for acting swiftly. The fire was under control from when it was reported.

After the fire was completely doused, overnight measures were put in place in the unlikely event of the fire re-igniting.

At this point there is no indication of the cause of the fire. An investigation will follow and a formal report will be drafted and tabled through the relevant internal channels.

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