

# LITHIUM BATTERY FIRE MORRIS ILLINOIS

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The Southeast side of Morris was evacuated after a major Lithium battery fire broke out on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. As many as 200,000 batteries exploded, emitting toxic smoke and fumes. 1100 homes were evacuated for days. Click the link to follow the story: <https://abc7chicago.com/morris-fire-update-battery/10853284/>

Morris Fire Fighters have used 28 tons of Portland cement mix to smother the fire. The unconventional way has been effective, but they are not 100% sure it will stop the battery fires completely.

Before using the cement mix, they brought 1,000 lbs of Purple-K. Morris Fire Chief said, “the Lithium fire laughed at the Purple-K – didn’t put a dent in it”.

**Note the different colour of smoke.**



Residents were allowed back in their homes on Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, days after the fire broke out, with fire crew monitoring the blaze site. Morris Mayor Chris Brown said the city was not aware of the batteries.

The owner of the 70,000-square-foot warehouse was storing the supplies to open a solar-power business at the end of the year and was planning to get insurance when the business opened. Therefore, at the time of the Lithium Battery Fire, he had no insurance.

**Question:** What is going to happen when the cement mix is lifted? What could they have done differently?



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