

Memorandum

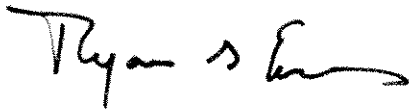


Date: August 1, 2008

To: Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Fire Reports

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on Fire Reports on August 4, 2008.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

Attachments

Public Safety Committee

August 4, 2008

Fire Report June/July 2008

DATE	ADDRESS	TYPE	CAUSE	LOSS/ INSURED?	ALARMS
1. 06/01/08	2650 Cedar Springs Rd.	7-Story Brick Apartments	Careless Smoking	\$5,250 Yes, No claim	2-Alarms
2. 06/04/08	3136 Routh St.	2-Story Brick Commercial	Unspecified Electrical Short	\$900,000/ Insured Loss	3-Alarms- w/injury
3. 06/16/08	320 Sparks St.	2-Story Frame Church	Incendiary	\$75,000/ No Insurance	2-Alarms- w/injury
4. 07/05/08	3410 Fordham Rd., Bldg 3	2-Story Brick Apartments	Careless Use of Fireworks	\$51,600/ Insured Loss	2-Alarms
5. 07/25/08	401 E. Wheatland Rd.	Commercial Mulch Yard	Spontaneous Ignition	\$0 Yes, No Claim	3-Alarms
6. 07/26/08	3305 N Westmorland Rd.	1-Story Frame Residence	Incendiary	\$91,270/ No Insurance	2-Alarms
7. 07/27/08	12880 Noel Rd.	2-Story Stucco Apartments	Unspecified Electrical Short	\$78,200/ Insured Loss	2-Alarms- w/injuries
8. 07/28/08	431 Pleasant Dr.	2-Story Metal Gymnasium	Careless Use of Welder's Torch	\$105,500/ Insured Loss	2-Alarms

Two Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	June 1, 2008	Time of Fire	02:59 PM												
Incident Number	2008-102083	Response Time	3:50 Minutes												
Location	2650 Cedar Springs Road														
Bldg. Type	7-Story Brick Apartments	Council District	14												
Owner	LESCO	Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)	None												
Occupant/ Business Name	Gables Villa Rosa Apartments														
Cause	Careless Smoking														
Value/ Damage Estimate	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"><u>Value</u></th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><u>Damage</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Building:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$49,550,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Content:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$49,555,000</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$5,250</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<u>Value</u>	<u>Damage</u>	Building:	\$49,550,000	\$250	Content:	\$5,000	\$5,000	TOTAL	\$49,555,000	\$5,250	
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Building:	\$49,550,000	\$250													
Content:	\$5,000	\$5,000													
TOTAL	\$49,555,000	\$5,250													
Narrative	<p>This fire was caused by careless smoking. Discarded smoking material ignited construction materials located on the roof level of the attached parking garage to the apartment building.</p>														

Three Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	June 4, 2008	Time of Fire	02:27 AM												
Incident Number	2008-103755	Response Time	2:56 Minutes												
Location	3136 Routh St.														
Bldg. Type	2-Story Brick Commercial	Council District	14												
Owner	Kathy Venture LTD	Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)	1 Firefighter												
Occupant/ Business Name	Multiple Use Occupancy														
Cause	Unspecified Electrical Short														
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Building:	\$1,300,000	\$700,000													
Content:	\$3,000,000	\$200,000													
TOTAL	\$4,300,000	\$900,000													
Narrative	<p>This accidental fire was caused by an unspecified electrical short circuit of the fixed wiring in the mechanical room on the second floor above the restaurant occupancy of this building. Fire damage was severe to this part of this multiple use retail occupancy. One firefighter injured his arm at this incident. This is an insured loss.</p>														

Two Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	June 16, 2008	Time of Fire	05:38PM												
Incident Number	2008-112937	Response Time	1:53 Minutes												
Location	320 Sparks St.														
Bldg. Type	2-Story Frame Church	Council District	7												
Owner	Pentagon Seafood, Inc.	Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)	1 Firefighter												
Occupant/ Business Name	God's New Community Church														
Cause	Incendiary														
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Content:	\$25,000	\$25,000													
TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000													
Narrative	<p>This incendiary fire was caused by an unknown person. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time. Fire started on the second floor collapsing the roof and traveled to one wall of the structure. One firefighter required minor first-aid at this incident. Investigation of this fire is on-going.</p>														

Two Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	July 5, 2008	Time of Fire	12:52 AM												
Incident Number	2008-126614	Response Time	4:28 Minutes												
Location	3410 Fordham Rd., Bldg. 3														
Bldg. Type	2-Story Brick Apartments	Council District	5												
Owner	Hemmingway House Assoc. LLC	Injuries (Firefighter/Civilian)	None												
Occupant/ Business Name	Anita Robertson, William Box, Aleanzo Owen, Telisa Palmer														
Cause	Careless Use of Fireworks														
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Building:	\$173,330	\$50,000													
Content:	\$4,000	\$1,600													
TOTAL	\$177,330	\$51,600													
Narrative	<p>This fire was caused by fireworks. This fire was caused by a bottle rocket that ignited furniture in the breezeway that had been set there due to eviction. The furniture ignited the structure causing damage to the building and to the contents of the apartment of the above listed occupants. The building had an operable smoke alarm system that alerted the occupants. All hazards were corrected.</p>														

Three Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	July 25, 2008	Time of Fire	12:47PM
Incident Number	2008-141337	Response Time	5:25 Minutes
Location	401 E. Wheatland Rd.		
Bldg. Type	Yard Fire	Council District	8
Owner	Phillip Manasseh	Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)	None
Occupant/ Business Name	Big Bird Tree Service		
Cause	Spontaneous Ignition		
Value/ Damage Estimate	<u>Value</u>		<u>Damage</u>
	Building:		
	Content:	\$420,000	\$0
	TOTAL	\$420,000	\$0
Narrative	This fire was caused by the spontaneous ignition of compost and mulch in this open commercial yard.		

Two Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	July 26, 2008	Time of Fire	04:56 AM										
Incident Number	2008-141913	Response Time	3:24 Minutes										
Location	3305 N. Westmoreland Rd. (Exposure 3311 N. Westmoreland Rd.)												
Bldg. Type	1-Story Frame Dwelling	Council District	3										
Owner	Holland Demings Jennita Page	Injuries (Firefighter/Civilian)	None										
Occupant/ Business Name	Vacant												
Cause	Incendiary												
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Building:	\$91,270	\$91,270											
Content:	\$0	\$0											
TOTAL	\$91,270	\$91,270											
Narrative	<p>This incendiary fire is under investigation. Fire completely destroyed this vacant house. Exposure from this fire completely destroyed the adjacent vacant warehouse. The value of the residence at 3305 N. Westmoreland was \$24,520 and the value of the warehouse at 3311 N. Westmoreland was \$66,750. Both buildings were a total loss.</p>												

Two Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	July 27, 2008	Time of Fire	07:13 AM												
Incident Number	2008-142794	Response Time	2:29 Minutes												
Location	12880 Noel Rd.														
Bldg. Type	2-Story Stucco Apartments	Council District	13												
Owner	Plaza on Harvest Hill LP	Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)	1 Firefighter/ 2 Civilian												
Occupant/ Business Name	Moses Mahingo, Luis Espinosa, Darwin Mena, Kincheloe Smith, Marrin Padilla.														
Cause	Unspecified Electrical Short														
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TOTAL	\$600,000	\$78,200													
Narrative	<p>This accidental fire was caused by an unspecified electrical short in the fixed aluminum wiring. This fire started in the breezeway on the second floor near an exterior light fixture. Five apartment units were damaged by the fire. This building was equipped with an operational smoke alarm system. Kincheloe Smith, a 52-year old Black female, was transported to Parkland hospital and treated for smoke inhalation. Arleth Sandoval, a 17-year old Hispanic female, suffered minor burns to her upper body, was treated at the scene and released. One firefighter required first-aid for a knee injury at this incident.</p>														

Two Alarm Fire

Date of Fire:	July 28, 2008	Time of Fire	04:19 PM												
Incident Number	2008-143779	Response Time	4:53 Minutes												
Location	431 Pleasant Dr.														
Bldg. Type	2-Story Metal Gymnasium	Council District	5												
Owner	Iglesia Nueva Canzion Baptist Church	Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)	None												
Occupant/ Business Name	Iglesia Nueva Canzion Baptist Church														
Cause	Careless Use of Welding Torch														
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Content:	\$5,500	\$5,500													
TOTAL	\$255,500	\$105,500													
Narrative	<p>This fire was caused by the careless use of a welding torch. Sparks from the torch ignited combustible material in the corner of the building. A citation was issued by Fire Inspection for failure to obtain a Welding & Cutting permit.</p>														