

# Memorandum

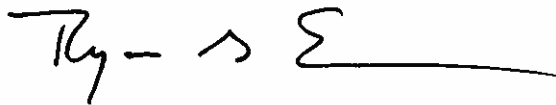


Date: September 3, 2009

To: Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair  
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Fire Reports

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on the Fire Reports on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.



Ryan S. Evans  
First Assistant City Manager

## Attachment

- c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
  - Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
  - Deborah Watkins, City Secretary
  - Tom Perkins, City Attorney
  - Craig Kinton, City Auditor
  - Victor Lander, Administrative Municipal Judge
  - Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
  - A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
  - Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
  - Dave K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer
  - Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager Mayor/City Council Office

# Public Safety Committee

## Fire Report

August 2009

DATE	ADDRESS	COUNCIL DISTRICT	TYPE	CAUSE	LOSS/INSURED?	ALARMS
1. 7/27/09	5440 N. Jim Miller Road #234	7 District	3-Story Brick Apartments	Child with Lighter	\$40,000.00 Yes	1 Alarm <b>Injury</b>
2. 7/28/09	8451 S. Central Expressway	5 District	1-Story Metal Commercial	Unspecified Electrical Short Circuit (Fixed Wiring)	\$94,000.00 No	2 Alarms
3. 8/3/09	378 N. Jim Miller Road	5 District	1-Story Brick Utility	Electrical Malfunction	\$0.00 No	1 Alarm <b>Injury</b>
4. 8/3/09	223 S. Ewing Avenue	1 District	3-Story Masonry Motel	Incendiary	\$30,200.00 Yes	3 Alarms
5. 8/8/09	1426 Peavy Road	9 District	Burn Victim	Careless Use of Flammable Liquid	\$0.00 N/A	1 Alarms <b>Injury</b>
6. 8/20/09	8106 Greenspan Avenue	8 District	2-Story Brick Apartments	Unspecified Short Circuit (Fixed Wiring)	\$125,000.00 Unknown	2 Alarms <b>Injury</b>

**. One Alarm Fire (Injury)**

<b>Date of Fire:</b>	July 27,2009	<b>Time of Fire</b>	7:41 PM
<b>Incident Number</b>	2009-140413	<b>Response Time</b>	2 Min. 7 Sec.
<b>Location</b>	5440 N. Jim Miller Road #234	<b>Service Area</b>	Southeast
<b>Bldg. Type</b>	3-Story Brick Apartments	<b>Council District</b>	7
<b>Owner</b>	MCAF07 Bridgeport LLC.	<b>Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)</b>	Two  Civilian
<b>Occupant/ Business Name</b>	Chris Busby Bridgeport Apartments		
<b>Sprinkler System</b>	None	<b>Operational</b>	N/A
<b>Fire Alarm System</b>	Yes	<b>Operational</b>	Yes
<b>Cause</b>	Child With Lighter		
<b>Value/ Damage Estimate</b>	<u><b>Value</b></u>	<u><b>Damage</b></u>	
	Building: \$8,200,000.00	\$30,000.00	
	Content: \$24,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b> \$8,224,000.00	\$40,000.00	
<b>Narrative</b>	<p>This accidental fire was caused by a child with a lighter. This fire started in the bedroom but destroyed the living room area when the occupant attempted to remove the burning mattress from the apartment. Two people were injured in this fire. The child who started this fire child was released to his parents and enrolled in the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. This apartment has an operational fire alarm system but the occupants were aware of the fire prior to alarm activation. There was no sprinkler system for this residence. This is an insured loss.</p>		

## Two Alarm Fire

<b>Date of Fire:</b>	July 28, 2009	<b>Time of Fire</b>	11:01 PM												
<b>Incident Number</b>	2009-141149	<b>Response Time</b>	3 Min. 22 Sec.												
<b>Location</b>	8451 S. Central Expressway	<b>Service Area</b>	South Central												
<b>Bldg. Type</b>	1-Story Metal Commercial	<b>Council District</b>	5												
<b>Owner</b>	Garland Enterprise	<b>Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)</b>	N/A												
<b>Occupant/ Business Name</b>	Garland Enterprise Garland Enterprise														
<b>Sprinkler System</b>	None	<b>Operational</b>	N/A												
<b>Fire Alarm System</b>	None	<b>Operational</b>	N/A												
<b>Cause</b>	Unspecified Electrical Short Circuit (Fixed Wiring)														
<b>Value/ Damage Estimate</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;"></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Value</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Damage</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Building:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$89,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$89,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Content:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$94,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$94,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<u>Value</u>	<u>Damage</u>	Building:	\$89,000.00	\$89,000.00	Content:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$94,000.00	\$94,000.00	
	<u>Value</u>	<u>Damage</u>													
Building:	\$89,000.00	\$89,000.00													
Content:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00													
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$94,000.00	\$94,000.00													
<b>Narrative</b>	<p>This accidental fire was caused by an unspecified electrical short circuit in the fixed wiring. The fire completely destroyed this under construction conversion of this commercial warehouse to a church sanctuary and its contents. There was no fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system for this structure. This is not an insured loss.</p>														

## One Alarm Fire (Injury)

<b>Date of Fire:</b>	August 3, 2009	<b>Time of Fire</b>	10:49 AM												
<b>Incident Number</b>	2009-144824	<b>Response Time</b>	2 Min. 52 Sec.												
<b>Location</b>	378 N. Jim Miller Road	<b>Service Area</b>	Southeast												
<b>Bldg. Type</b>	1-Story Brick Utility	<b>Council District</b>	5												
<b>Owner</b>	Pleasant Village LTD.	<b>Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)</b>	1 Injury  Civilian												
<b>Occupant/ Business Name</b>	Creekside Villa Apartments Creekside Villa Apartments														
<b>Sprinkler System</b>	No	<b>Operational</b>	N/A												
<b>Fire Alarm System</b>	No	<b>Operational</b>	N/A												
<b>Cause</b>	Electrical Malfunction														
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Building:	\$5,000.00	\$0.00													
Content:	\$10,000.00	\$0.00													
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$15,000.00	\$0.00													
<b>Narrative</b>	<p>This accidental fire was caused by an unspecified electrical malfunction in the apartment complex utility room, while the electrician was working in the utility room. There is no fire loss. One person was injured in this fire. He was transported to Parkland Hospital by Rescue 34. There was no fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system for this structure. This is not an insured loss.</p>														

### Three Alarm Fire

<b>Date of Fire:</b>	August 3, 2009	<b>Time of Fire</b>	11:15 AM												
<b>Incident Number</b>	2009-144844	<b>Response Time</b>	3 Min. 4 Sec.												
<b>Location</b>	223 S. Ewing Avenue	<b>Service Area</b>	Southwest												
<b>Bldg. Type</b>	3-Story Masonry Motel	<b>Council District</b>	1												
<b>Owner</b>	Monarch Hospitality, INC.	<b>Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)</b>	N/A												
<b>Occupant/ Business Name</b>	City Inn & Suites City Inn & Suites														
<b>Sprinkler System</b>	No	<b>Operational</b>	N/A												
<b>Fire Alarm System</b>	Yes	<b>Operational</b>	No												
<b>Cause</b>	Incendiary														
<b>Value/ Damage Estimate</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;"></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Value</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Damage</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Building:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$551,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$30,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Content:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$100,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;"><b>\$651,000.00</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;"><b>\$30,200.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<u>Value</u>	<u>Damage</u>	Building:	\$551,000.00	\$30,000.00	Content:	\$100,000.00	\$200.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$651,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,200.00</b>	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$651,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,200.00</b>													
<b>Narrative</b>	<p>This incendiary fire was caused by an unknown person or persons. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time and this fire is under investigation. The fire started in the carport underneath this structure and spread upward to the attic. A pedestrian gate was padlocked at the time of the fire. The fire alarm system was improperly installed, non-operational, and failed to warn the guests of this motel. There was no fire sprinkler system for this motel. This is an insured loss.</p>														

## One Alarm Fire (Injury)

<b>Date of Fire:</b>	August 8, 2009	<b>Time of Fire</b>	12:03 PM
<b>Incident Number</b>	2009-147998	<b>Response Time</b>	2 Min. 43 Sec.
<b>Location</b>	1426 Peavy Road	<b>Service Area</b>	Northeast
<b>Bldg. Type</b>	N/A	<b>Council District</b>	9
<b>Owner</b>	Vincent O'Neill	<b>Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)</b>	1 Injury  Civilian
<b>Occupant/ Business Name</b>	Javier Vega & Nelson Hernandez		
<b>Sprinkler System</b>	N/A	<b>Operational</b>	N/A
<b>Fire Alarm System</b>	N/A	<b>Operational</b>	N/A
<b>Cause</b>	Careless Use of Flammable Liquid		
<b>Value/ Damage Estimate</b>	<u><b>Value</b></u>	<u><b>Damage</b></u>	
	Building: \$0.00	\$0.00	
	Content: \$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Narrative</b>	<p>This accidental fire was caused by the careless use of a flammable liquid. Gasoline from a plastic container was used to ignite smoldering charcoal contained in a barbeque grill in the back yard of this residence. One person was injured in this fire. He was transported to Parkland Hospital by Rescue 31.</p>		

## Two Alarm Fire (Injury)

<b>Date of Fire:</b>	August 20, 2009	<b>Time of Fire</b>	3:53 AM												
<b>Incident Number</b>	2009-155706	<b>Response Time</b>	2 Min. 55 Sec.												
<b>Location</b>	8165 Greenspan Avenue	<b>Service Area</b>	South Central												
<b>Bldg. Type</b>	2-Story Brick Apartments	<b>Council District</b>	8												
<b>Owner</b>	Wheatland Terrace Partners LTD.	<b>Injuries (Firefighter/ Civilian)</b>	1 Injury  Firefighter												
<b>Occupant/ Business Name</b>	Vacant  Wheatland Terrace														
<b>Sprinkler System</b>	None	<b>Operational</b>	N/A												
<b>Fire Alarm System</b>	None	<b>Operational</b>	N/A												
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<b>TOTAL</b>	\$250,000.00	\$125,000.00													
<b>Narrative</b>	<p>This fire was caused by an unspecified short circuit in the fixed wiring. This fire started in the bathroom of a second story apartment and spread up to the attic causing damage to eight apartments. Firefighter David Windle sustained second and third degree burns to his hands, shoulders and neck. He was transported to Parkland Hospital by Rescue 46. There was no fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system for this vacant apartment building. This is not an insured loss.</p>														