

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Investigation of:

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ENBRIDGE OIL SPILL

MARSHALL, MICHIGAN

* Docket No.: DCA-10-MP-007

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911 Calls

Sunday, July 25, 2010

- 1 (Talking Clock: July 25, 2010, 21:25:03.)
- 2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 4: 911, where's your emergency?
- 3 CALLER: Well, it's not an actual emergency, however, I
- 4 was just at the airport in Marshall and drove south on Old 27 and
- 5 drove back north again and there's a very, very, very strong odor,
- 6 either natural gas or maybe crude oil or something, and because
- 7 the wind's coming out of the north, you can smell it all the way
- 8 up to the tanks, right across from where the airport's at, and
- 9 then you can't smell it any more, and I don't know what that is,
- 10 but I felt that I should at least tell you.
- 11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 4: Okay. We'll get them to check
- 12 it out.
- 13 CALLER: Thank you.
- 14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 4: Thank you. Bye.
- 15 (Talking Clock: July 25, 2010, 21:34:34.)
- 16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 8: 911 Dispatch, where is the
- 17 emergency?
- 18 CALLER: I live on Division Drive out past the airport,
- 19 and there's a substation, but we can smell gas very strong.
- 20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 8: Yeah, we have people out there,
- 21 ma'am.
- 22 CALLER: Oh, you do.
- 23 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 8: Yes.
- 24 CALLER: Okay. Thank you.
- 25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 8: You're welcome, ma'am.

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- 1 (Talking Clock: July 25, 2010, 21:53:08.)
- 2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: 911, where's your emergency?
- 3 CALLER: (Indiscernible) Marshall Township. Where do we
- 4 have an odor investigation? I didn't understand that.
- 5 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Your station.
- 6 CALLER: Which one?
- 7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: The one on Fifteen Mile.
- 8 CALLER: Okay.
- 9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Marshall said he was in the
- 10 area and said it was coming from around the station.
- 11 CALLER: Okay. That's Marshall Thompson. I just didn't
- 12 know which station you were talking about.
- 13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Okay. What station is that?
- 14 Hello?
- 15 CALLER: Yes.
- 16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: What station was it?
- 17 CALLER: Station 1 if it's on Fifteen Mile Road.
- 18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Station 1. Okay. I'll let
- 19 your dispatcher know.
- 20 CALLER: I'd appreciate it.
- 21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Thank you. Bye.
- 22 (Talking Clock: July 25, 2010, 21:56:01.)
- EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: 911, where's your emergency?
- 24 CALLER: Yes, I called a few minutes ago about the gas
- 25 fumes on Division Drive. They're getting much stronger. Is there

- 1 any word? Is it safe? I mean our house is like affixiated with
- 2 the gas smell.
- 3 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: All right. Hold on just a
- 4 minute.
- 5 Ma'am, I'm going to put you on hold for just a minute,
- 6 okay.
- 7 CALLER: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 (Caller placed on hold.)
- 9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Ma'am?
- 10 CALLER: Yes.
- 11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: We've gotten a couple of calls
- 12 from that general area about gas. The fire department's en route
- 13 now to investigate, okay.
- 14 CALLER: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Yep. Bye-bye.
- 16 CALLER: Bye.
- 17 (Talking Clock: July 25, 2010, 23:33:57.)
- 18 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: 911, where's your emergency?
- 19 CALLER: I think it is anyway. I'm the cleaner at
- 20 Walters-Dimmick --
- 21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Okay.
- 22 CALLER: -- and there is a huge strong odor of gas
- 23 outside. I'm talking like gas gas.
- 24 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: They've already been in the
- 25 area. Let me see what they determined.

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              CALLER: Oh, okay.
              EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Hold on one second, okay.
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              CALLER:
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                       Sure.
              (Caller placed on hold.)
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              EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Ma'am?
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              CALLER: Yes.
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              EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Both fire departments, Marshall
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    City and Marshall Township have went out and checked, and they
    can't find where the odor was coming from, but it wasn't
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    registering on their meters as being dangerous. So it has been
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    checked.
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              CALLER: Oh, good. I just didn't want nothing to blow
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    up on me.
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              EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Yes. I understand.
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              CALLER: Okay.
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              EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5:
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              EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Bye.
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Monday, July 26, 2010

- 1 (Talking Clock: July 26, 2010, 2:21:20.)
- 2 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: 911, where's your emergency?
- 3 CALLER: It's not really an emergency, but there's a gas
- 4 leak or something. Did you guys know of anything, any gas leaks
- 5 or anything around Marshall?
- 6 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: We have an odor outdoors on
- 7 Kalamazoo, Old 27 and Division. Is that where you're indicating?
- 8 CALLER: Yeah, I'm located right by the airport.
- 9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Yeah, we've already had the
- 10 fire department out.
- 11 CALLER: All right. So it's going to be taken care of?
- 12 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Yes.
- 13 CALLER: Thank you.
- 14 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Thank you. Bye.
- 15 CALLER: Bye. That's all I wanted to know.
- 16 (Talking Clock: July 26, 2010, 11:25:22.)
- 17 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: 911, location of the emergency?
- 18 CALLER: I don't know if this is an emergency, ma'am,
- 19 but a gas odor is out here south of Marshall at Division Drive and
- 20 Old 27.
- 21 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Yeah, we have them out checking
- 22 that way.
- 23 CALLER: Yeah. It's to the point of almost giving me a
- 24 headache.
- 25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Yep

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- 1 CALLER: I called the Road Commission, and they said
- 2 that really wouldn't be their department. So I figured I'd call
- 3 you.
- 4 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Yep, we've got several calls on
- 5 it. They're out that way checking.
- 6 CALLER: Okay.
- 7 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Thank you.
- 8 CALLER: Just don't light a cigarette.
- 9 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: All right. Thank you.
- 10 CALLER: Thanks.
- 11 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 7: Bye.
- 12 (Talking Clock: July 26, 2010, 11:39:08.)
- 13 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: 911.
- 14 CALLER: Yes. There is -- we live on East Green Street,
- 15 and there's a strong odor of gas.
- 16 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Yep, they're working on it.
- 17 CALLER: Okay. I called Consumers and they, you know,
- 18 oh, maybe we'll get somebody there in an hour. I mean is this a
- 19 leak? And I see like an explosion to the west of us.
- 20 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: We do have the fire department
- 21 working on a structure fire, but that's not the source of the
- 22 smell. They are aware of what the source is and they're working
- 23 on getting that addressed.
- 24 CALLER: Okay.
- 25 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Okay.

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1	CALLER: Is it safe to be around here?
2	EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Yes, you're fine, sir.
3	CALLER: Okay. Thank you.
4	EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: You're welcome.
5	CALLER: Bye-bye.
6	EMERGENCY DISPATCHER 5: Bye-bye.
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