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1 MR. BREIZ: My is Jareau Breiz. I'm a PGE employee. My
2 contact number is (650) 515-----. My address is -----
3 -----Pacifica, California -----. I choose to have my attorney
4 with me. Dane, is right here.

5 MR. CHHATRE: And how do you spell your last name?

6 MR. BREIZ: B-R-E-I-Z.

7 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Now, I'd like to go around the room
8 have each person introduce themselves. Please state your name,
9 spelling, title, and organization you represent, a business e-mail
10 and phone number. Starting with the city.

11 MR. CALDWELL: City of San Bruno, Jeff Caldwell. All my
12 information is on the card.

13 MR. DAUBIN: Brian Daubin, PG&E. Information is on the
14 card submitted.

15 MR. FASSETT: Bob Fassett, PG&E. Information's on the
16 card submitted.

17 MS. JACKSON: Connie Jackson, City of San Bruno. My
18 information's on the card.

19 MS. FABRY: Klara Fabry, City of San Bruno, and the
20 information is on the card.

21 MR. SHORI: Sunil Shori, California Public Utility
22 Commission and the information will be on the card.

23 MR. KATCHMAR: Peter Katchmar, U.S. DOT Pipeline
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25 information's on the card submitted.

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14 MR. SHOCK: And, Dane Shock (ph.) on behalf the witness.
15 My information's on the card.

16 MR. CHHATRE: Thank you all. Let us begin with Karl.

17 INTERVIEW OF JAREAU BREIZ

18 BY MR. GUNTHER:

19 Q. Okay. Let me start out first, what is your title?

20 A. I'm a gas service representative.

21 Q. Okay. And how about your formal education?

22 A. Formal education, graduated 2000 Westmore High School,
23 Daly City, California. Some general education at Skyline College,
24 San Bruno.

25 Q. All right. I'll tell you what, can you start from the

1 day, the day of the accident from the time you went into work,
2 what you did and just go ahead and give me a narrative, just tell
3 me what happened.

4 A. I believe I started my work in San Bruno doing some
5 service calls. I don't remember what kind of service calls they
6 were, but I do remember getting an immediate response call of a
7 possible fire in San Bruno.

8 Q. And then what did you do?

9 A. That's where I got a call from our dispatch of a
10 possible call -- of a possible fire in San Bruno. I then
11 proceeded to go to the area of where the fire was supposed to be.

12 Q. And?

13 A. And --

14 Q. Just go ahead and keep --

15 A. Oh, okay.

16 Q. Yeah.

17 A. Then, once I got there, I had met with a fellow PG&E
18 employee by the name of Scott Robinson (ph.), and I tried to get
19 information from him of what was going on. He didn't know at the
20 time what was going on. I saw fire. I don't know how high it
21 was, but it was pretty high. I then contacted our dispatch,
22 informed them that there was a fire. Then after that, I hung up
23 with him. I called the supervisor in charge, Barry Stillwell
24 (ph.), let him know that I was on site and what -- I hadn't
25 noticed what was going on. After I spoke with Barry Stillwell, I

1 also contacted another supervisor, Wyman Coe (ph.), also let him
2 know that I was on site. He let me know that he was on his way.
3 Then I went on standby and waited for him to arrive. Once he
4 arrived, we waited for several hours before I went down to escort
5 some coroners down to the site. After I had escorted the coroners
6 down to the site, I reported back to Wyman Coe and proceeded to
7 standby till maybe about 3:00. At that time I was released.

8 Q. And we're talking 3:00 a.m.?

9 A. A.M.

10 Q. The next morning.

11 MR. GUNTHER: Okay, no more questions.

12 MR. CALDWELL: Geoff Caldwell. No questions at this
13 time.

14 MR. DAUBIN: No questions.

15 MR. FASSETT: Bob Fassett, PG&E.

16 BY MR. FASSETT:

17 Q. Just to clarify, as a GSR or gas service representative,
18 you were called as a first responder; is that correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. That was to provide information back to dispatch as to
21 what was going on at the site; is that --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Thank you.

24 MS. JACKSON: No questions.

25 MS. FABRY: No questions.

1 MR. SHORI: Sunil Shori with the California PUC.

2 BY MR. SHORI:

3 Q. Mr. Breiz, who contacted you, and what were you -- where
4 were you working exactly when you received the call?

5 A. I believe I was on the way to a job in Daly City. I
6 believe I was in Daly City at that time I got the call from our
7 dispatch. I think the dispatch name was Sean. I only know him by
8 his first name. So, once I got the call from him saying that
9 there was a possible fire, that's when I headed back towards San
10 Bruno.

11 Q. And where in Daly City just generally, I mean location
12 wise?

13 A. I believe I was around Junipisara and Serramoni (ph.)
14 Boulevard.

15 Q. Did it take you a while to get to the location in San
16 Bruno where you were directed?

17 A. Yes, it did.

18 Q. And why is that?

19 A. A lot of traffic. Traffic was being held up.

20 Q. And as a gas service representative, you're not
21 authorized to operate mainline valves; am I right?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Just confirming.

24 A. Yes, I'm not.

25 Q. Okay. I think that's it. Thank you.

1 MR. KATCHMAR: No questions.

2 MS. MAZZANTI: No questions.

3 MR. SPERRY: No questions.

4 BY MR. CHHATRE:

5 Q. A couple of follow-up questions. Ravindra Chhatre NTSB.
6 You said Sean from your dispatch call you.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you recall approximately what time?

9 A. I don't know exactly. No -- maybe after 6:00.

10 Q. Did he call you on your personal phone or company phone?

11 A. It was the company phone.

12 Q. And to Bob Fassett's question you responded that as a
13 gas service representative you are first responder to incidences?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what kind of incidences you would typically respond
16 to?

17 A. Gas leaks, fire structures, unsafe appliances.

18 Q. When you say gas leaks, you're talking about the service
19 lines, main lines, or inside of homes?

20 A. Any type of gas leak.

21 Q. Any kind. Okay. Now, what you would have done if you
22 were at the location in real life and you had to close a valve? I
23 think you mentioned that you could not close any mainline valves?

24 A. No, I cannot.

25 Q. And just for the record, I mean, I want this information

1 only for the record here. Dispatch, is there only one dispatch
2 outfit for PG&E? One location that everybody gets dispatch or do
3 we have multiple dispatch locations?

4 A. For our service department, I believe there is only one
5 dispatch call center.

6 Q. And where is that?

7 A. I believe it's in Concord.

8 Q. Ok. Do you recall at what time you arrived at the
9 ground zero location?

10 A. I don't recall the time.

11 Q. Were there other PG&E people when you arrived at the
12 scene?

13 A. There was a PG&E employee. I believe his name was Scott
14 Robinson. He had just arrived there right before I did.

15 Q. And where did you meet Mr. Robinson?

16 A. I believe it was San Bruno Avenue. He had parked near
17 the site. He had just parked and he was getting out, and I parked
18 behind his truck.

19 Q. Okay. And how long you -- was that the incident command
20 location at that time?

21 A. I believe it ended up being the post where everybody
22 rallied at.

23 Q. Okay. And how long you stayed at that location until
24 you escorted, I guess, coroner? How long you were there that
25 location before you escorted somebody?

1 A. Oh, the coroners? I don't remember the time. It was
2 late in the evening. Once the fires had gone down and they
3 cleared us to go through.

4 Q. So all the fires were out when you escorted?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. And that was done at the incident commander or
7 was it done at the PG&E, somebody from PG&E told you to do that?

8 A. My -- the leading supervisor, Wyman Coe, had asked me
9 to.

10 Q. I have no further questions. Thank you so much for your
11 help on that day and our investigation.

12 A. You're welcome.

13 MR. NARVELL: No questions for Mr. Breiz. Thank you.

14 MR. CHHATRE: Any follow-up questions?

15 MR. NICHOLSON: I've got one.

16 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

17 Q. Maybe you said this -- Matt Nicholson NTSB. What time
18 did you start work?

19 A. I start work at 4.

20 Q. 4?

21 A. P.M.

22 Q. P.M. Okay. Thanks.

23 MR. CHHATRE: Nobody has any questions?

24 Thank you again for your help in the investigation.

25 MR. BREIZ: You're welcome.

1 MR. CHHATRE: We are off the record.
2 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)
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