



Cass County Incident Report

Summary



Print Date/Time: 01/02/2014 10:16
 Login ID: PollardS
 Case Number: 2013-00016242

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 ORI Number: ND0090000

Case

Case Number: 2013-00016242	Incident Type: Fire - Other
Location: 35 ST SE	Occurred From: 12/30/2013 14:12
ND	Occurred Thru: 12/30/2013 14:15
Reporting Officer ID: 230 - Arth	Disposition:
	Disposition Date:
	Reported Date: 12/30/2013 14:12 Monday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	ND0090000	86F	FIRE CALL	FIRE CALL	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Mentioned	1	THOMPSON, BRYAN PATRICK	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			
Mentioned	2	UNITY SEED FARM	3510 154 AVE SE CASSELTON, ND 58079				
Victim	1	BNSF, TRAIN 60	[REDACTED]				

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
12/30/2013	Burned	Other			\$20,000.00 = ACTUAL TOTAL AMOUNT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.		

Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Phone (701)241-5800 Fax (701)241-5805

OFFICER: ARTH
UNIT NO: 3512

DATE: 01/02/14
CASE: 2013-16242

Type of Report: Initial
Nature of Case: Fire
Offense Date: 12/30/13
Activity Date: 12/30/13
Location: 35th Street Southeast, Casselton, North Dakota

Personnel Assigned:

1. Deputy Jeff Arth, Cass County Sheriff's Office
2. Deputy Jake Wiedenman, Cass County Sheriff's Office
3. Corporal Tim Briggeman, Cass County Sheriff's Office

Details:

On 12/30/13, I, DEPUTY JEFF ARTH, was dispatched to a train derailment and fire at 35th Street and 154th Avenue Southeast west of Casselton. The derailment and fire actually occurred 3/4 of a mile southeast from that intersection.

I arrived on scene and the train on fire was just off the southwest corner of Tinta Tawa Park in Casselton about 100 to 150 yards. The train was on fire and the tanker cars of oil were exploding one at a time. I cleared traffic from Cass County Road 10 west of Casselton. DEPUTY JACOB WIEDENMAN and CORPORAL TIMOTHY BRIGGEMAN came to assist. DEPUTY WIEDENMAN closed Cass County Road 10 off by the baseball diamond at the Tinta Tawa Park. I closed off Cass County Road 10 at Cass County Road 23. I closed off traffic that was non-essential and let in emergency responders. Once I was relieved, I joined the Casselton Fire crew at the Unity Seed Farm to help coordinate any extra help that was needed. CORPORAL BRIGGEMAN started to set up a command center at the Central Cass School. CORPORAL BRIGGEMAN advised me to send personnel to the staging area. Multiple agencies were arriving on scene and staging at the Unity Seed Farm at 3510 154th Avenue Southeast. I evacuated the Unity Seed Farm by the order of the Casselton Fire Department once it was determined the fire could spread west to our location. All other arriving agencies were instructed to go to the Central Cass School to receive instructions.

I did get a statement from one of the BNSF workers that was on the eastbound train. BRYAN THOMPSON stated there was a snow fog coming off the westbound train. BRYAN stated they have signal lights telling them to slow down for oncoming trains. BRYAN stated the light was yellow, which was a caution for an oncoming train. BRYAN stated the train he was in was a 45 mph train. BRYAN stated the westbound train was also a 45 mph train. BRYAN stated the westbound train was loaded with grain. BRYAN stated after clearing the snow fog he saw a grain railcar from the westbound train lying across the track that the eastbound train was on. BRYAN stated that is when the westbound train struck the railcar lying across the tracks. BRYAN stated they were hauling oil in the eastbound train. I asked if anyone was hurt. All the BNSF workers stated no. Casselton Ambulance was also on scene and stated they would do medical checks on all the people on the train.

This will be the end of my report. Please make this report available to any agency that requests a copy for their review and investigations. I took photos of the scene which will be put into the Arbitrator System under Case No. 2013-16242.

Attachments:

1. Photographs have been downloaded to the Arbitrator System.

Distribution:

1. Chief Deputy Rick Majerus
2. Captain Mitch Burris

DEPUTY JEFF ARTH
Patrol Division

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