

Re: statements

Fabrizio, Chase

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To: Olin, William <[REDACTED]>

Bill,

Pasted below. Please let me know if you need anything else....Chase

Chase Fabrizio
Lieutenant, Station 16B

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Statement from Lt Chase Fabrizio-

On July 25th 2016 at 2216, PE716 was dispatched to 8701 Arliss St (single unit response with a crew of 4) for the report of odor of gas. PE716 arrived on scene of a 3 story ordinary constructed Garden Apartment with nothing evident. The unit parked at the corner of Piney Branch and Arlis St (on Arlis), for the use of the hydrant in the parking lot on the Delta side of if needed and positioning away from the front of the reported address.

Crew donned their full PPE, went through the warm up procedure with the 4-Gas multi-meter (calibrated on 07/22/16) and proceeded to the structure. The crew spoke with the residents that were sitting on the front porch and inquired if they had smelled any gas, which they reported no. The engine crew entered the structure through side alpha and was met by a single resident who stated he smelled gas by the mailboxes in the common hallway on the first floor. The crew did not smell any gas and no readings were detected on the 4-gas meter. I directed the crew to go to the top floor, investigate with the meter, and work their way down to the ground floor. I, as the officer, went to the terrace level and worked my way up until I met the crew.

The terrace level had no odor of gas and the two apartments on that level were assessed since the residents were home, no findings in either apartment. I met the remaining crew on the ground floor (1st) and they reported that there were not findings in the apartments that were occupied. On my way from the terrace to the upper levels, MFF Charlie Appleby (driver) met me at the entrance and passed on that he had completed a walk around of the building and exposure building and had no odor or finding and no reports from residents that where outside the structure of any odors.

For the apartments that there was no answer, the crew flexed the top of the doors with a metal wedge to create enough of a gap so that we could monitor the apartment the best we could with the 4-gas

meter. Since there was no odor of gas or readings with the 4-Gas, I made the decision not to force any doors.

One of the crew members thought they had smelled a faint odor from what I believe was Apt 201. The door was flexed and monitored like the other apartments with no readings. I did not smell any odor but the decision was made to force the door to investigate further. As the crew was getting ready to force the door, the resident came home and granted us access to the apartment. I inquired if he had smelled gas but due to a language barrier, we were unable to communicate. The entire apartment was monitored including the kitchen (stove and area behind the stove) and the utility room that serviced that unit with no findings or odor. The only odor that was able to be detected was from the multiple plug-in air fresheners throughout the apartment.

The crew went back down to the terrace level to evaluate the two storage rooms. We were unable to gain access to the locked rooms because the locks were recently changed and the keys from the Knox box did not work. Again, the tops of the doors to both units were flexed to monitor the space which no findings by smell or monitor we found.

I, along with my crew, was satisfied that there was no evidence of a gas emergency and that the building was safe.

The residents out front asked if everything was OK which I told them there was a report of an odor of gas but we didn't find anything and if they notice anything more to give us a call back and we would come back out. Unit went in service without any further incident or service required.

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Appleby, Charlie (MCFRS)
Incident # 16-0092122
07-25-2016
8701 Arliss st

PE-716 Drivers statement :

Arrived on the scene of 8701 Arliss st. for the odor of gas. To assist in the investigation I took a lap around 8701 and 8703 Arliss st. I had no odor of gas around the structure. I also made contact with some residence who were in the court yard, they also had not smelled any odor of gas. Came back around to 8701 and made contact with LT Fabrizio and advised him that I had not found any odor outside of 8701 and 8703 Arliss st.

MFF Charles Appleby

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Kain, Christopher N.

We were dispatched for an outside odor of gas. Once we arrived we were meet at the door by a resident of the building stating that he could smell gas inside the front entrance and inside at the mail box area. The gas meter was turned on by myself prior to entering the apartment. As the resident was talking to the Lt. there was residents sitting outside an apartment to the right of the entrance. I asked the residents if they could smell anything unusual and they stated no. The 4 gas meter had zero readings outside the apartment complex and zero readings inside the entrance. Once inside the complex I walked up to the top floor and knocked on 3 apartment doors. Two of the three residents answered the door and I asked if I could run the gas meter through their apartment. Both apartments had zero readings throughout. The third apartment had no resident home but I did place the meter at the base of the door and the top of the door in void spaces and found zero readings. I created a wider spaced at the top of the door by pressing on the door with a door chock. Once that was completed I walked down to the second floor and again knocked on residents doors and no one answered. The 4 gas was placed and the base and all void spaces of the doors where all readings at each apartment were zero. I proceed down to the first floor where we thought we had a smell inside of an apartment. Once inside the apartment we checked all rooms and kitchen area and found zero readings. I personally could only smell a wall scent that was plugged in at an outlet by the front door. We then proceed down to the terrace level where the storage room and laundry area are located. Both doors where locked. We proceed to press on the top of the doors to make a void space to place the 4 gas and get a reading. Once again we used a door chock to create a wider void space to get a better reading with the 4 gas. All levels and all apartments had zero readings throughout.

FF Chris Kain

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Branch, Aaron

On July 25 at approximately 2200-2300 hours, Paramedic Engine 716 was alerted to a gas leak at 8701 Arliss Street. We arrived on scene with nothing evident.

The caller stated that he smelled gas throughout the building. My LT said that he didn't smell anything, but I smelled a faint odor of something and let him know. Other crew members stated that they did not smell anything. We began knocking on doors throughout the apartment to ask residents if they smelled gas inside their apartments. We ran meters through a few apartments of residents that would allow us to do so. One apartment in particular had a strong odor of incense that we also could smell from outside of this apartment. We put the meter by/underneath the doors of the apartments that we could not gain access to. Throughout our investigation the meter read within normal limits (meaning 21% oxygen, zero LEL, zero CO, zero hydrogen sulfide) everywhere we checked. We even checked the laundry room which also came within normal limits. The odor that I smelled seemed to dissipate as we walked throughout the building. I stepped out of the building for a few minutes to see if I would smell the odor again when I came back into the building, but smelled nothing when I returned. Since nothing was found, we placed our unit back in service.