



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

Witness Name: DAVID E. DEWEY Employer Name: Mo. River Towing
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 119 Sand Plant Lane
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Hermann mo 65041
 Phone Number: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]
 Position: CAPTAIN License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]
 E-Mail: [REDACTED] Mail: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I came on watch at 0540 hrs. we just finished fueling from Economy Boat fuel barge. I moved the boat to the center of our 2 N/B barges and departed up bound. The starboard engine rpms would not come up to normal rpm so we tied off in ARTCO fleet for about 10 minutes. Chief Engineer said we were ok to proceed so I depart upbound from mile 175. At about 0650 an Osage Marine tug called to say we were on fire. I looked aft and saw smoke and flames shooting up from the engine room. I immediately put out a distress call to boats in the area for assistance. ARTCO vessels Crimson Glory and Andrew MacMillan responded as did several ARTCO tugs and the Osage tug that was in the vicinity. I sounded the General Alarm and the fire alarm sounded. The assisting vessels and our crew started fighting the fire. I steadied the tow with the current until I lost generator power and main propulsion. After losing the power we pulled the emergency fuel shut-downs. St Louis Fire Department responded at about 0715. I notified USCG Sector UMR at 0705 via telephone. They advised that St Louis FD would be incident command. Fire was out about 0810.

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages), and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

5-18-2021
DATE