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Good morning Rachael,

I apologize for the delay. I just confirmed the information this morning.

Scott Clumpner responded to the fire at 3527 Durango on the morning of 2/21/2018 at 5:50am. He was the second arriving Battalion Chief at this fire which would have made him the safety officer. Battalion Chief Horacio Garcia was the incident commander at this fire.

Captain Timothy Baker was riding up as acting Battalion Chief 7 and was the incident commander for the fire at 3515 Durango. This fire came in at 10:22 am on 2/22/2018.

Please let me know if I can help you with anything else. Thank you. Also, please feel free to call me if you need anything.

Justin Hood
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Hi Chief Hood,

Memorandum



DATE March 31, 2020

TO Chief Johnson

SUBJECT Interrogatory Request for February 22, 2018 on 3515 Durango Dr.

Chief Johnson,

This memo contains my response to the interrogatory request from the National Transportation Safety Board. I have answered all questions to the best of my ability given the time delay between now and the incident.

1) Please describe your work experience with Dallas Fire and Rescue. What is your current title? List years of experience, job titles and certifications. Please also include any type of hazardous materials training or natural gas training.

I am a Captain with Dallas Fire-Rescue. I have been with the department 18 years 4 months. I have hazardous materials training for first responder's operation level.

Current certifications: Urban Search & Rescue technician, Swift Water Rescue technician, Incident Safety officer, Instructor I, Fire Officer I

2) Please describe what happened on February 22, 2018 in response to the incident at 3515 Durango Drive. It has been two years since you responded so to the best of your knowledge, list as many details from the time you responded, what you saw, the nature of the fire, the family members injured, etc. When you describe the incident, please provide as much information as you can recall and at a minimum, include the following:

• What did your normal job shift look like in February 22, 2018?

Shift began at 0700 and I was the acting chief for Battalion 7 at Fire Station 35.

• What time did you receive notification of the incident?

The incident time was 1022.

• Were you the first to arrive? What time? Did you have a safety officer?

No, Battalion 7 arrived on location at 1027. Yes, safety officer was Battalion 6, Chief Mark Berry.

- Did you see the injured?

I do not remember seeing the injured person from the house. I do remember the medics had already taken the injured person to the ambulance for treatment.

- What did the house look like when you arrived? Did you smell gas? What did the roof look like?

The structure was a one-story pitched roof residence with a large amount of smoke showing from the Alpha (south) & Bravo (west) sides. I do not remember smelling gas during the incident. There was no smoke or fire showing from the roof upon arrival. I did order the roof to be ventilated during firefighter operations to improve conditions inside and to control the spread of fire throughout the structure.

- Did you interact with Atmos at all during the incident? Describe all conversations with them until the incident was over.

I remained at the incident until the Atmos representative arrived. We had a conversation regarding a possible gas issue in the immediate area due to the proximity of the previous fire the day before and other bystanders stating they smelled gas either in or near their homes.

- Was the fire ongoing when you arrived? On what side of the house was the fire? Was there anything unique about this fire compared to other structural fires you have responded to?

Yes, there was a significant amount of fire on the Alpha (north) & Bravo (west) sides of the house. The fire was unique because it was so close to another house fire the day before

- At the time, what did you believe caused the fire?

Our job is to make sure all victims are safely removed and to extinguish the fire. Our arson investigators are on scene to determine cause.

- How long did it take to extinguish the fire? Please list what time the incident ended.

It took approximately 3 hours to extinguish the fire. The incident ended at 1317 hours.

- Did you speak with the arson investigator? If so, which ones and what was said?

I do not remember the conversation with the arson investigator nor do I remember which one was at the incident.

- Any challenges to responding to this incident?

I do not recall any challenges while responding to this incident.

3) Did you know about the other incident the day before on Feb. 21, at 3527 Durango Drive before responding to the Feb. 22 incident? If so, describe what you knew.

Yes, I did know about the previous incident. I was working an overtime shift on Engine 35 that day and we answered the structure fire. There was a significant fire in the rear of the house. I remember there were injuries but do not recall how many people or the severity of the injuries.

4) Did you respond to the Feb. 21 or Feb. 23 incidents? If so, please also describe your response to those incidents.

I was working an overtime shift on Engine 35 on Feb. 21. We were assigned to the structure fire at 3527 Durango. I do not recall our exact assignments at the fire.

5) Have you previously responded to a natural gas incident—fire or explosion? Please describe how you would respond to a natural gas incident? Also list any equipment you use to respond to a natural gas incident.

Reported natural gas incidents require our personnel to wear full PPE (pants, coats, gloves, boots, etc.) I do not recall any particular incident that was determined at the time to be a natural gas fire or explosion.

6) Does DFR have a formal procedure/policy for responding to natural gas incidents? Please list the name of that procedure and provide a copy.

Standard Operating Procedures: 130.0 Gas Detection Equipment, Response to Natural Gas Leaks and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

7) What kind of training did you have with Atmos Energy before the Feb. 22 incident? If any, please list dates and the type of training (in-person? Online? Topics covered?). Has there been any training with Atmos Energy after the Feb. 22 incident? If so, please list dates and types of training.

I have never participated in any training with Atmos Energy before or after the Feb. 22 incident.