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Interview of: CRAIG HANNA, Firefighter Driver
Tacoma Fire Department

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I N T E R V I E W

(4:23 p.m.)

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3 LT [REDACTED] This is Lieutenant [REDACTED],
4 investigator with the United States Coast Guard. The time is
5 4:23 p.m. The date is April 26th. We're located at Trident
6 Seafoods in Tacoma, Washington. My last name is spelled
7 [REDACTED] and in the room with me --

8 SA PETRULAK: Special Agent Nathan Petrulak, P E T R U L A K
9 with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

10 LT MCAULIFFE: Lieutenant John McAuliffe, Tacoma Fire
11 Department, Engine 3. It's M C A U L I F F E.

12 MR. HANNA: Firefighter Driver Craig Hanna, Tacoma Fire
13 Department, Engine Number Three, spelled H A N N A.

14 MR. POLLOCK: Firefighter Paramedic Craig Pollock, Engine 3,
15 B shift, P O L L O C K.

16 LT [REDACTED]: Okay, I'll let you take it away with the
17 questions.

18 SA PETRULAK: Yeah, okay.

INTERVIEW OF CRAIG HANNA

19
20 BY SA PETRULAK:

21 Q. So, since we haven't talked to you yet, then I know you were
22 on Engine 3, you were the driver of that truck. So, what I want
23 you to do is just kind of walk us through from, like, your arrival
24 until you actually got onto the boat. Then just -- so, just try
25 to describe it in chunks, you know, from what commands you were

1 given, who you talked to, and then as you got onto the boat, you
2 can start describing, you know, what you saw as far as smoke,
3 flames, and all that. I'll ask questions along the way.

4 A. Sure, Engine 3 arrived, I was driving. We arrived on the
5 pier. We actually staged at the hydrant for -- it seemed like
6 roughly a minute or so. I don't recall how long. We then moved
7 up -- we were instructed not to take the hydrant and we moved up
8 to assist Engine 5. At that time, Engine 5 was -- from what I
9 recall was coming off -- on -- of the ship, on the gangway and
10 instructed us to assist them with deploying two-and-a-half-inch
11 and tack line.

12 So, the Engine 3 crew, with Lieutenant John McAuliffe, we --
13 and our third at the time, Brett Tingly (ph.), our medic, we
14 grabbed a two-and-a-half-inch hose and bundled each roughly a
15 hundred feet each and started to deploy that along with a tack
16 line. We carried it up the gangway and then went down to the
17 first subfloor, I guess. I'm not sure what --

18 Q. Yeah, that's what -- just for that.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think it's 01.

20 LT [REDACTED]: 01?

21 SA PETRULAK: Yeah, isn't that where the galley was?

22 MR. HANNA: Yeah, the -- yeah, is it called 01?

23 SA PETRULAK: Yeah, that's going to be the 01 deck.

24 MR. HANNA: Okay, so we went up the gangway, down on that
25 first flight down the stairs to the 01 deck. We realized we had

1 too much hose, actually, which is not -- it doesn't happen very
2 often. But we had too much two-and-a-half, so we had to break
3 that initial hose. We were right behind those drums. I think
4 there were nets there on those drums.

5 BY SA PETRULAK:

6 Q. And you're talking right here where the -- again, the galley
7 way to like --

8 A. Yes.

9 LT [REDACTED]: But the drums you're talking about were on
10 the --

11 MR. HANNA: The drums are back here.

12 LT [REDACTED]: -- on the trawl (ph.) deck, yeah.

13 MR. HANNA: Yes, the big-neck drums. So --

14 LT [REDACTED]: I feel like this is -- I can move it the other
15 if it'd be better, but --

16 MR. HANNA: Yeah, so we entered on the portside. In the
17 center, there, we dropped our hose and then we started to deploy
18 that. We spread out the tack line, called for water. I do
19 recall -- so, it was Engine 5 was the officer and the third and
20 then the three of us. I do recall there being a member of the
21 ship, as well, with us at that time still.

22 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

23 MR. HANNA: And I felt like he was with us for a short period
24 of time.

25 BY SA PETRULAK:

1 Q. And he didn't go down in with you, right? Or did he stay on
2 the deck?

3 A. I remember he was on the deck. I feel -- I felt like he
4 started to go in because there wasn't a lot of smoke. I mean, it
5 was light gray, it was enough to where once I hit that 01 deck, I
6 put my -- I masked up because I was breathing the smoke and I was
7 starting to cough a little bit. The smoke, I thought, did have a
8 slight yellow hue to it, as well.

9 Q. Did it have a smell?

10 A. Yes, it had a smell.

11 Q. Could you describe that?

12 A. Really nasty. Just --

13 Q. Like an electrical smell or, like, wood burning, a campfire,
14 or --

15 A. Yeah, no, I would say more electrical.

16 Q. Okay, more like a --

17 A. Yeah, not a wood smell at all, just -- I could tell right
18 away and started coughing. I was like okay, well, I'm too close
19 to retirement, so I'm going to mask up.

20 Q. And that -- you smelled that only on the 01 deck? You didn't
21 smell that electrical smell when you were up top?

22 A. I felt at the top of the gangway it more manageable, yeah.
23 You could smell it, but it wasn't overwhelming. But once we got
24 down a little further, I felt like there was more and more coming
25 out through that hallway there where the galley side is on the

1 starboard side.

2 Q. Okay, and then when you got down to the 01 deck, were
3 you -- how far were you able to see until you couldn't -- the
4 smoke was too thick, a couple feet?

5 A. 15, 20 feet in, maybe.

6 Q. Were the lights still on or were they --

7 A. Yeah, I didn't spend a lot of time at first. We were
8 more -- we were managing pinch points for the hose. Engine 5 crew
9 went in and John was fairly short behind them and then it was --
10 I was at the door to go in there and I was chucking hose inward.
11 I went in a little bit, not too far because then -- so I could see
12 John along with Brett, the medic at the time, he was on the
13 outside. We were just kind of moving the hose inward.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm going to switch this.

15 MR. HANNA: So, we were --

16 (Crosstalk)

17 BY SA PETRULAK:

18 Q. So, this is the 01 deck and this is where you were pointing
19 to?

20 A. Okay, yep, 01 deck. So, we were here. So, we -- all through
21 here is where we deployed out two-and-a-half inch and then we took
22 the Engine 3 quarter over here on this side and then we were
23 bringing it in this way. At some point, I think John might've
24 came back and I remember that he said we were going to advance in
25 with them a little further because they were down pretty far.

1 They were inside here, we were somewhere in this area. Not hot at
2 all, I didn't feel at the time. A little more smoke. At first,
3 it wasn't too bad, it started to get darker, much manageable. I
4 didn't think it was that crazy. I noticed some steam. Once we
5 got up here, they -- I believe that the air bottles ran out and
6 then that's when we took over.

7 We didn't really advance much in because I don't feel like we
8 had much hose line to go in. So, we were only in maybe two feet
9 in the door, yeah. There was some glowingness (sic) going on,
10 spraying some water. John went in maybe five feet ahead of me to
11 the left. I was spraying the lid because you could kind of see
12 some glowing up there as well just to cool down some more heat. I
13 don't say we were in there more than two to three minutes and then
14 I felt like Ladder 1 came in. It might've been Engine 11, but our
15 bells started to go off. We exited immediately.

16 Q. Yeah, so before you go any further back there, how long --

17 A. And we were inside the galley. So, that's where we were at.

18 BY LT [REDACTED]:

19 Q. Now, did you have a tick on?

20 A. I did not have a tick, no.

21 BY SA PETRULAK:

22 Q. Okay, so everything you're seeing, you're seeing with your
23 eyes. So, as far as glowing, flames, that's all on you?

24 A. Yep.

25 Q. And then about what level were you seeing the glowing flames?

1 Was it about chest level, or on the ceiling, or the floor?

2 A. I saw glowing on the floor.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Right -- immediate right. I believe there was, like, a
5 table, it looked like a metal table, a sink area there on the
6 right side. A significant amount of glowing underneath that and
7 then glowing on the upper right side. Kind of -- probably if you
8 were to -- say 2:00 --

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. If I'm looking in, 2:00, and then I did have to wipe my mask
11 a couple times because I felt like it was very black at that point
12 in time.

13 Q. And that's all in the galley, right?

14 A. Yep, all in the galley. Yeah, all in the galley.

15 Q. And then anywhere along the way, were the lights still on or
16 did you have to function without or a flashlight?

17 A. I honestly -- I had my flashlights on. I do not recall if
18 the lights were on. I don't believe they were. It was --

19 Q. And when you approached the boat, do you remember any of the
20 lights being on on the boat?

21 A. Oh, man, I don't recall. Honestly, I don't --

22 Q. No worries. I mean, if you don't recall, don't -- you know,
23 I don't want you to make it up or have to --

24 A. I don't remember there being any lights on.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. I remember it wasn't -- there had to have been some sort of
2 lightage (sic). I don't know if there's dock lights out there or
3 not. But yeah --

4 Q. Yeah, there's lights and then there's a boat park back there
5 that had some lights on it too.

6 A. So, I didn't think it was -- it wasn't like walking up there
7 in the pitch dark. I mean, there was some light.

8 Q. The gangway was lit?

9 A. Yeah, the gangway was lit, yeah.

10 Q. And the back deck -- the 01 deck was totally seeable?

11 A. Yeah, totally seeable. Yeah, I didn't have my flashlight on
12 at all.

13 Q. But you went inside?

14 A. I didn't turn my flashlight on -- now I remember, I did not
15 turn my flashlight until I entered that hallway.

16 Q. But you still don't know where the lights were coming from,
17 whether they were actually on the boat, or just coming from the
18 dock, or possibly another boat?

19 A. Yeah, I don't. I do remember seeing two smaller hose lines
20 going in the door that were not ours.

21 Q. Okay. Oh, yeah, a fire hose?

22 A. Yep.

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. I do remember seeing one was hard, it looked like, and one
25 was kind of limp.

1 Q. Okay, and you guys never -- you never tried to use those?

2 A. No, I did not try to use those at all.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. So, we exited, we all went off as crew. We immediately went
5 down --

6 Q. And that was just Engine 3, so Engine 5 had not come back
7 yet, right?

8 A. I don't recall. That's why I was -- no, I don't think they
9 had replaced us yet.

10 Q. Got it.

11 A. I think it was Ladder 1 that was in there and I thought it
12 was Engine 11, as well.

13 Q. So, there was somebody who you handed off the hose to?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Yeah, I kept thinking Ladder 1 down below deck.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think it was (indiscernible).

18 MR. HANNA: Yeah -- no, I think it was Engine 2. He was
19 working on Engine 2 that day. I was working -- yeah.

20 But they came in right around that time.

21 BY SA PETRULAK:

22 Q. Got it, so that was the first call. So, you guys left, you
23 exited as a crew. So, when you get -- empty your bottles and put
24 them back on?

25 A. Yeah, put them back on.

- 1 Q. Where'd you go to?
- 2 A. We went back down to the 01 floor.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. And we started to assist them with moving some more hose, if
5 I recall, kind of staging at the doorway waiting for other people
6 to come out with their bells on so we could replace them. At that
7 point, that's where I got a little -- my time got away from me a
8 little bit. I just remember kind of standing right up here at
9 this doorway and I remember hearing something, some fire -- just
10 sounds like fire popping and I walked up to the stairwell, I
11 peeked around, and I saw that there was a fire at the top of the
12 stairs and we only had one hose line in. So, I did mention that
13 on the radio that there was fire --
- 14 Q. And that's that picture right there?
- 15 A. Yep, at the top of the stairs.
- 16 Q. And that is --
- 17 A. It was pretty significant.
- 18 Q. That's about the -- that's the staircase going above the
19 mess?
- 20 A. Yeah, and it was a pretty significant amount, I recall. So,
21 I reported that and then I was concerned because there was talk
22 about extending this line and there was crews ahead of us. So, I
23 went down to let them know we had fire above us, but there was
24 nobody there.
- 25 Q. You say there was nobody on that floor?

1 A. Yeah, there was nobody in the galley at that time.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. So, then I went down, went forward, because I kept thinking
4 Ladder 1 was down there and they didn't hear the transmission.
5 So, I just went down really quick and it was clear, no smoke, no
6 heat. That's when I peeked around the corner and I saw flames
7 coming down -- some fire coming down below.

8 Q. So, that's the room --

9 A. That's the room I was going to.

10 Q. Yeah.

11 A. At that time, I was greeted with -- by Engine 2 and I made a
12 report on the radio that there was black -- there was flames and
13 fire below the galley and that was the locker room. That's what
14 I'm -- so, this is right up here. The main deck, that's what I'm
15 calling that is the -- there was lockers in there. Yep, and
16 that's -- right here, you can see it's -- this is labeled the
17 locker room, which is --

18 Q. The space you're talking about?

19 A. Yep.

20 Q. Yeah, locker room, M2, yeah, so you went down the staircase
21 right there. So, you came down?

22 A. So, I came down, peeked around, and I made a noteworthy
23 transmission that there was fire below the galley, coming through
24 the floor, which I thought was really odd because it's a steel
25 ship.

1 Q. And why would there be any flame coming through there? I
2 didn't realize there was those false ceilings -- a significant
3 amount of false ceilings there.

4 A. Hose line -- at that time, I was getting ready to go up.
5 Hose line -- I was greeted with Engine 2 coming down and John
6 and -- they were extending the hose lines. So, we wrapped it
7 around -- I think it was the third of Engine 2, Annika Hanson
8 (ph.) was there and we grabbed that hose and went around and then
9 sprayed that. At that time, my bottle started going off again and
10 then we all exited the boat -- the ship.

11 Q. Before we get the next bottle -- so, in the locker room, can
12 you describe what you were seeing as far as fire dropping? If it
13 looked like it was the actual false ceiling or what the fire
14 looked like, color of it, what kind of smoke was in there?

15 A. Yeah, minimal smoke, very clear, loud, popping. It
16 wasn't -- it was probably, you know, 12 -- say 12 by 18 inches.
17 Flame was probably shooting down two to four inches. But what was
18 bizarre to me was as it was dropping, it was like if you were to
19 take a plastic back and light it on fire and how that plastic
20 continues to burn and just kind of pits as it drops. It was
21 landing on top of the metal locker rooms and those were starting
22 to catch fire.

23 Q. Sure, and then you can draw on this just maybe what you were
24 seeing as far as the flames shooting down and then roughly where
25 you were also seeing things drop?

1 A. So, I would say -- I'll mark an X here -- I would say that it
2 was about eight feet as I went passed -- I just went passed that
3 doorway and looked in and it was probably about eight feet from
4 there at a 10:00 degree angle at the doorway.

5 Q. Okay, and what color was the flame?

6 A. Yellow, orange, nothing noteworthy at all other than
7 just -- it was dropping like a -- it was like a --

8 Q. Like a lazy -- it wasn't like being forced?

9 A. It wasn't forced, yeah. I don't feel like it was being
10 forced. It was -- but whatever was there, was definitely burning.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. We sprayed a bunch of water, from what I recall. I don't
13 remember if we completely knocked that out. I just remember at
14 that point, Engine 2 was there. There were two of them, the
15 driver and the -- or the third and the driver -- or officer,
16 excuse me -- third and the officer. Then my bell started going
17 off, so I started to exit.

18 Q. Got it, now I think you also said that it was loud in there.
19 Was it loud because of maybe the water, or were you hearing, like,
20 electrical popping, or both?

21 A. I think -- I felt like I was hearing just the fire, the
22 crackling. Kind of like a significant, you know, bonfire where
23 you throw a bunch of pallets and they start popping and crackling.
24 That's what I was kind of hearing even though it wasn't that big,
25 you know. Like I said, it was 12 by 18, maybe 24 by 24 at the

1 max.

2 Q. Okay, got it.

3 A. And I don't know if it's a wood ceiling in there.

4 Q. Sure.

5 A. I was just kind of puzzled on why it was coming down through
6 the ceiling like that versus going up. So --

7 Q. And did you notice in the vicinity of where you saw it
8 falling, was there light fixtures, ventilation, openings, anything
9 that you recall?

10 A. I didn't see any other openings.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I didn't see -- it was light in there, you know, we
13 had -- there was light.

14 Q. The lights were on?

15 A. The lights were on. I do -- yes, because it was clear, I
16 could see, no flashlight was needed. So, lights were on inside on
17 that lower deck. On that one -- the main -- the deck that we
18 walked where the galley was, I don't recall there being lights on
19 in there. But below that, the lights were on.

20 Q. Okay, so then you left and you went to get another bottle?

21 A. Yep, we all exited, we got another bottle. I think we
22 actually went and had a couple bottles of water.

23 LT MCAULIFFE: I think at that point when we were coming out
24 and that line was -- and you guys were down there, that's when
25 Roden (ph.) had shut that door.

1 MR. HANNA: Yes.

2 LT MCAULIFFE: It was fire above the galley.

3 MR. HANNA: Yeah, I don't -- I wasn't there when
4 that -- but --

5 LT MCAULIFFE: Right, I was kind of alone in the hallway just
6 checking that hose.

7 MR. HANNA: Yeah.

8 LT MCAULIFFE: Because we had just extended it not that long
9 before.

10 MR. HANNA: Right, and that's when we took it down that stair
11 to knock out underneath there.

12 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

13 MR. HANNA: And then we exited. I want to say 11s came in at
14 the time.

15 LT MCAULIFFE: Was it Katie (ph.)?

16 MR. HANNA: It was Katie, yeah.

17 LT MCAULIFFE: Okay, yeah.

18 MR. HANNA: Katie came in with her crew. Engine 2 was inside
19 and maybe Ladder 1 came back in.

20 SA PETRULAK: Sure.

21 MR. HANNA: So, somebody had a tick. I remember when I was
22 in the galley -- so, it must've been the first time, somebody had
23 a tick and I do remember -- maybe it was the second time that I
24 went in -- first or second time, it was very hot the second time
25 because I -- it's unusual that I start to get hot and my ears -- I

1 just remember this because my ears were getting hot between my
2 hood and I had to feel to make sure everything was nice and tight.
3 So, I went to grab my flaps and I pulled my flaps down and once my
4 flaps were down, then I'm like okay, I'm good to go because they
5 were getting significantly hot. I think that was that second time
6 we went back in.

7 BY SA PETRULAK:

8 Q. Yeah, no, you did mention inside you thought you heard a
9 readout on the tick as far as how hot that was?

10 A. Yeah, I'm going to say it had to have been Ladder 1 because
11 it was -- first it was at, like, 300 and I'm like okay, it feels
12 like it's hotter than that and then somebody -- I think at the
13 ceiling, it was reading, I thought, 450 to 550. I'm trying to go
14 off that memory.

15 Q. Sure.

16 A. But it was significant and I was like oh, if that was that
17 high, I'd be on my knees, but this is a steel structure so it's
18 absorbing all that heat.

19 Q. And you think this was that first time you went in the room
20 that you got that readout?

21 A. That's what I'm confused with.

22 LT MCAULIFFE: So, I don't think so because --

23 MR. HANNA: It must've been the second time.

24 LT MCAULIFFE: I think it was -- because we came in pretty
25 much right as (indiscernible).

1 MR. HANNA: Yeah, and then we went in.

2 LT MCAULIFFE: (Indiscernible) had a tick and I did not.

3 MR. HANNA: I thought he handed you one?

4 LT MCAULIFFE: That might've been later but I don't think it
5 was at that time.

6 MR. HANNA: Okay, and that could've been Engine 2 as well
7 because I know they came in a little bit later. But somebody did
8 have a tick in there and -- because I remember them saying it's
9 hot and I was grabbing my ears to really see if my flaps were down
10 because it was -- that's kind of my tester. After that, we kind
11 of got put on the watering assignment.

12 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

13 MR. HANNA: Communications were horrible. It was very loud;
14 communications sucked. I just -- I know that was something that
15 was hard to hear anything or talk about anything. We got
16 reassigned, we carried bottles back up to the top of the gangway
17 and we got assigned to start to dewater. So, we initially started
18 to dewater on the main floor -- or the main deck, which is the
19 gangway deck, I guess, and then we had to move the dewatering down
20 below with the tick. I actually went in on the portside later
21 with Chief Bambrick (ph.) because we wanted to see what the water
22 was like on that side and there as maybe ankle deep if that.

23 Q. In the door?

24 A. Yeah, there was not much in the hallway at all.

25 Q. And this is on the gangway?

1 A. This is --

2 Q. Or not the gangway --

3 A. No.

4 Q. The galley up above the 01 deck?

5 A. Yeah, so we started on the main floor -- the gangway floor
6 and then we went down to the 01 deck. We went in on the portside,
7 on the opposite side of where the galley was. It was clear,
8 lights were still on, if I recall, and walked down there, went
9 straight, and I think I took a right, and then a left.

10 BY SA PETRULAK:

11 Q. Is there -- it's probably on the drawing. So, you're saying
12 you were on the main deck now or you're on the --

13 A. No, over on the 01 deck.

14 Q. (Indiscernible) dewater?

15 A. Yes, right here. Is this it?

16 SA PETRULAK: This is the 01 right here.

17 LT MCAULIFFE: We brought -- we hunked (ph.) that stupid
18 porta-potty -- porta-pump up those stairs.

19 MR. POLLOCK: That went clunk, clunk, clunk, clunk.

20 MR. HANNA: Yep.

21 LT MCAULIFFE: And then we set it --

22 MR. HANNA: We set it right here.

23 LT MCAULIFFE: We set it --

24 MR. HANNA: Is this the main deck?

25 SA PETRULAK: This is the 02 deck, so you've got 01, and then

1 above it is 02, above that is 03.

2 MR. HANNA: Okay, that is 03, this is the entrance to --

3 LT MCAULIFFE: We brought it up to 02.

4 MR. HANNA: 02, that's right.

5 LT MCAULIFFE: And started down there.

6 MR. HANNA: Okay, so then maybe that's where it's confusing
7 because we walked all the way down here and this way and this, the
8 second time, was super hot.

9 LT MCAULIFFE: And -- but we didn't have enough hose and the
10 dewatering was not effective because in the hallway, it was only
11 about eight inches deep and we didn't have a strainer on it and
12 the pump was so loud that communications went from terrible to
13 zero. You couldn't hear a thing. So -- and since we weren't
14 being effective, that's when we hunked it back downstairs.

15 LT [REDACTED] This is 01?

16 LT MCAULIFFE: Yeah, we hunked it back downstairs.

17 MR. HANNA: What's the next one?

18 SA PETRULAK: So, the 01 is where the galley is --

19 MR. HANNA: And directly below it is the main deck. That's
20 where you went down into the locker room. So, the main deck has
21 the locker room --

22 SA PETRULAK: Can you get into that -- can you get into this
23 below the galley?

24 LT MCAULIFFE: We never went down (indiscernible).

25 MR. HANNA: So, that would be where you walked down to the

1 locker room and then when we looked back through that door, you
2 get onto like the -- if you look back here, you get, like, into
3 the factory.

4 SA PETRULAK: Right.

5 LT MCAULIFFE: We actually only dewatered on the second -- on
6 deck 02.

7 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

8 LT MCAULIFFE: It was the only place we dewatered, but we
9 hadn't moved the pump back down to 01 and then go down and get a
10 bunch more hose and then hunk it up to 02 because there
11 was -- because we -- because you and Bambrick went and explored 01
12 for water buildup and there was nothing.

13 MR. HANNA: Then that's when -- there was nothing, yeah.

14 LT MCAULIFFE: Which was like oh.

15 MR. HANNA: So, I felt like I walked in further than where
16 it's showing.

17 BY SA PETRULAK:

18 Q. So, you were -- you guys were dewatering on the 02 deck?

19 A. That's where we started.

20 Q. Right, so you had said previously, the previous time you guys
21 were in there that you noticed fire above? Fire above you
22 would've been the 02 deck?

23 A. 02 deck.

24 Q. So, at some point, the 02 deck was on fire?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. And then somebody -- another team knocked that down and then
2 you guys went up there after the 02 deck fire had been put out
3 that you were dewatering up there?

4 A. No, we were on the opposite side.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. So, they entered through the starboard side, we entered
7 through the portside.

8 Q. Okay, so you noticed this is the stairwell, so at some point,
9 there was fire on the 02 deck right here?

10 A. Right in this one room.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. This room was going gangbusters.

13 Q. Okay, and then, when you guys -- where did you come in to
14 dewater?

15 A. Right there in this hallway.

16 Q. And when you came in to dewater, was this fire out or was
17 this still --

18 A. It was -- you couldn't get to that. I mean, we walked right
19 by and it was so dark and smokey that by that time, it was so
20 blacked out, you couldn't hardly see anything and I didn't
21 realize -- I wasn't putting two and two together that this is
22 where that fire was. We just came right down here, the hose went
23 in here, we went and backed out, we got some more hose, we moved
24 the pump downstairs, and then we ended up laying that hose all the
25 way to this room. I'm pretty sure it was this one.

1 Q. And that room is?

2 A. 02 tack one and there was about two feet of water in there?

3 BY LT [REDACTED]

4 Q. So, you made it all the way up to the 02 tack one?

5 A. Uh huh.

6 Q. Do you know where all the water on this deck was -- would've
7 been coming from? Were people fighting -- actively fighting the
8 fire on the 02 deck?

9 A. I was thinking that they had a master stream. They had an
10 entire tower and they were shooting water down here.

11 BY SA PETRULAK:

12 Q. At the bow of the boat?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. I have no idea where that water came from. But by the time
16 we laid that in there, the conditions went from bad to a war zone.

17 Q. Right. As far as the fire, you said it was going gangbusters
18 in here in the storeroom it looked like? Yeah, the storeroom 02-
19 11. You were just, like, walking in the hallway and you could see
20 it through the hallway or was there, like, a window into this room
21 that you could see that?

22 A. No, when I said it was going gangbusters, we came up -- so,
23 this is when -- from below on the second bottle, right?

24 Q. Yeah.

25 A. And then I peeked my head in here and that's when I looked up

1 and I saw it was going.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. It was really going and that's when I went and closed that
4 door.

5 Q. You didn't close this door right here?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. At the top of the staircase, there's a door that looks like
8 it goes into the storeroom from this hallway here.

9 A. I never made it there, just up the stairs -- top of the
10 stairs -- I only saw -- when I peeked around the corner that
11 second time, I just saw flame at the top of the stairs.

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. I did not go to the top, I just the flame.

14 Q. Yeah, it looks like there was a wall that extends all the way
15 here. So, it should just come out and go to the starboard side.
16 So, the fire on the starboard side of the 02 deck, if you guys
17 were able to come past here and you didn't notice anything or the
18 smoke was probably so heavy that you couldn't see out.

19 A. This is throwing me off because when I was with
20 Chief Bambrick and we went in on the 01 deck -- right, this is the
21 01 deck?

22 Q. Uh huh.

23 A. I could've swore that we went through this way a ways, but
24 this is not showing that. This is showing me a wall right here.

25 LT [REDACTED] Well, there -- you would've come

1 through -- you could've directly come through the door into the
2 mess room. But this is a very short passageway. But yeah, at the
3 end of this passageway is the doorway. If you went into the mess
4 room --

5 MR. HANNA: Yeah, we didn't go into the --

6 LT [REDACTED] Yeah, that would've just been -- this length
7 of passageway then is the only thing you've got. If you've come
8 in the portside on the 01 deck, you've got those two -- those are
9 combination rooms and then leads directly into the mess deck.

10 MR. HANNA: There wasn't a lot of smoke, I remember, walking
11 down. Maybe -- yeah, I don't think we went -- we didn't go up to
12 the chief -- or the --

13 BY SA PETRULAK:

14 Q. The 03 deck?

15 A. Yeah, the 03 deck, we didn't go up there.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. So, I'm looking at this and I only walked up the stairs a
18 little bit here, is this a wall because --

19 LT [REDACTED] Yeah, this is a wall here. So, when you -- if
20 you would've seen --

21 MR. HANNA: Fire?

22 LT [REDACTED]: -- flames at the top of the stairwell in the
23 02 deck, it would've been the passageway, these rooms, but this
24 storeroom would've been --

25 MR. HANNA: Okay, so that's where the fire was, right behind

1 this door?

2 LT [REDACTED] Yeah.

3 MR. HANNA: Yep.

4 BY SA PETRULAK:

5 Q. Okay, and you couldn't see past the hallway? You couldn't
6 see any of the (indiscernible) rooms?

7 A. I could kind of see down that hallway a little bit. It was
8 quite clear.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Meaning it was so bright from the fire. There was fire floor
11 to ceiling and it was just really sucking in that doorway.

12 Q. Got it.

13 A. And I mentioned it -- so, it should be timestamped when you
14 hear the audio, that's when we saw the (indiscernible).

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And then down here, this is that -- what's this considered?

17 Q. This is the main deck.

18 A. The main deck. So, this is the main deck, okay, but this is
19 the next floor below the galley, correct?

20 Q. Yeah, correct, so this is going down the boat in slices.

21 A. Oh, so you call this the main deck, then. Oh, okay, I got
22 you.

23 Q. Yep, and then you get below, and below, and below, yep.

24 A. So, there's no hallways, this is all open?

25 LT [REDACTED] This factory, correct. So, that was -- this

1 is -- so, this is your 01 deck right here, this is the trawl deck,
2 and directly below the trawl deck is this factory here. And so,
3 you came around this locker room and that door we saw today, when
4 it goes back into this factory, this factory is all open. They
5 just have big lines that process the fish all the way through.

6 MR. HANNA: Okay, I didn't make it in there. I just -- I
7 felt like dewatering, I walked somewhere -- quite a ways,
8 actually. But it must've just been through here a little bit.

9 LT [REDACTED] Or you could've been down below. Were you
10 down in -- do you recall being down in the bow thruster space?
11 So, down -- this goes -- so, this is the factory level, but below
12 this also, you can get from this space all the way back through
13 the engine room, down on this -- on the whole --

14 MR. HANNA: Well, it wouldn't have had to be stairs over here
15 because that's the side -- I entered on the portside. So, unless
16 there's stairs, then -- so, it must've been this -- it must've
17 been the 02 deck.

18 LT [REDACTED] Okay, yeah, that's where you would -- if you
19 entered in the portside, you would've had to go all the way
20 through.

21 MR. HANNA: But I don't -- I kept thinking we went on the --

22 LT MCAULIFFE: I thought you sent them down below?

23 MR. HANNA: Yeah.

24 LT MCAULIFFE: And there was no one down there, so that's why
25 we went up above.

1 MR. HANNA: But I figured this would've been filled full and
2 this was not filled full of smoke with all this smoke from the
3 galley. I mean, this should've been all the way smoked out.

4 LT [REDACTED] I do feel like you would've -- if you were in
5 the factory, you would've recalled that. There's big lines of
6 fish-processing plants and down below this, is a cargo hold. This
7 is just a big room that's a freezer. This whole big room's a
8 freezer, so you would've recalled being in a big room like that.

9 SA PETRULAK: Yeah, (indiscernible) space.

10 LT [REDACTED] So, I don't -- you would've known if you
11 were --

12 MR. HANNA: It was hallway and I just feel like I went in,
13 took a right, and I felt like I went down some stairs and I
14 remember (indiscernible) don't go too far away and I went down,
15 peeked down, looked a little bit, didn't see any -- no water, it
16 was clear, and came back out.

17 BY SA PETRULAK:

18 Q. Do you think it maybe could've been in this staircase?

19 A. But I was already -- had already been in this.

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. And I would've had to have gone past here.

22 Q. Yeah, well -- yeah, so, obviously, this is the locker room
23 where you so many flames dropping down.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. So, there's a staircase right there that went down again, so

1 you could've went down that way. Do you know what I mean?

2 A. I see what you're saying.

3 Q. Yeah, because obviously, like, that ladder coming down over
4 there?

5 A. Right, but how would I --

6 Q. It could be here, but then there's another staircase that
7 went down again right here.

8 A. No, I would've recalled going past the galley again.

9 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

10 BY LT [REDACTED]

11 Q. So, you never went past the galley again?

12 A. Just that one time.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Yeah, I was just afraid that there were crews that didn't
15 hear the transmission, you know, that we had flames and fire above
16 the galley.

17 Q. Okay, so you would've never went back down by the locker room
18 again?

19 A. That was the last time I went.

20 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

21 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

22 MR. HANNA: It must've been the 02 deck. Maybe -- because I
23 remember going in and taking a slight right and -- but then the
24 second time we went -- when we went back in again when we finally
25 got more line to stretch in, it was very hot, very black, and it

1 was like okay, we're out.

2 BY SA PETRULAK:

3 Q. Okay, and you were on scene until about what time, 7:00 or
4 6:30?

5 A. Oh, 9:00.

6 LT MCAULIFFE: 8:50.

7 MR. HANNA: 8:50 is when we got relieved? Yeah, 8:50.

8 SA PETRULAK: Got it, and who relieved you guys?

9 MR. HANNA: Oh, gosh, I don't know.

10 MR. POLLOCK: We just had a ton of people show up, so we --

11 LT MCAULIFFE: Derrek Burrough (ph.), Engine 3 came.

12 MR. HANNA: My shift, really, because I was working overtime
13 and I was on vacation Saturday. I was supposed to be on vacation,
14 so I was like how is this going to work? So, yeah -- so, we got
15 relieved, went back up to 3's.

16 MR. POLLOCK: And then brought those personnel down with
17 (indiscernible).

18 MR. HANNA: We continued to stay on (indiscernible).

19 MR. POLLOCK: Rick (ph.) stayed there.

20 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

21 MR. HANNA: And what else? I just -- we just -- I felt like
22 we just went through bottles on the deck because the smoke was
23 just there and -- so we wouldn't be exposed to more hazards.

24 BY SA PETRULAK:

25 Q. Okay, as far as fighting fires on boats, was this your first

1 boat fire?

2 A. I was trying to think back on that. I felt like earlier in
3 my career, I did a boat fire, but I -- this is probably the
4 largest boat fire that I've had.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. No real formal training in 28 years with Tacoma Fire
7 Department, a couple of years with Sumner (ph.), and then --

8 Q. How long have you been on Engine 3 for?

9 A. I don't know, four years, three years -- three to four years.

10 Q. Got it.

11 A. A couple of years.

12 Q. And been the driver the entire time?

13 A. Yep.

14 Q. Okay, and as far as when you rolled up on scene, did you talk
15 to the security guard at all or you just went, you know --

16 A. No.

17 LT MCAULIFFE: We just --

18 MR. POLLOCK: Just right on through.

19 MR. HANNA: Yeah.

20 BY SA PETRULAK:

21 Q. And then when you arrived, did you see anybody that looked
22 out of place or somebody that's maybe not an employee or
23 anything -- anybody or anything unusual?

24 A. No, I didn't see anything.

25 Q. And then same when on the boat? I mean, obviously, I don't

1 know how much you know about boats or how familiar you are with
2 them if anything looked out of place?

3 A. No, I -- the one guy, actually, medium height,
4 blonde -- short blonde, he was hanging out with Engine 5 for a
5 significant amount -- I was worried he was breathing in all that
6 smoke.

7 Q. Yeah.

8 A. He actually helped Bambrick -- Chief Bambrick getting one of
9 the pumps set up for us. There was some confusion, we needed off
10 suction -- they gave us off suction versus hard suction. We need
11 hard suction to get the water going. So, there was some confusion
12 on that.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. We ended up getting what we needed. But he looked like he
15 had been breathing a lot of smoke for a long period of time.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. So, other than that, I didn't see anything. There wasn't,
18 like, 50 people or anything. The boat was on fire, so, you know.

19 Q. Yeah, exactly.

20 A. Just joking. But yeah, I didn't see anything really. I came
21 back a couple days later on the fire boat. I worked as a deckhand
22 on the fire boat. Not that it really matters, we just sprayed
23 water the whole time. Signature was pretty cool and I think it
24 was around 150 and then slowly -- the second day I was here, there
25 was a couple of hot spots towards the bow and the starboard side

1 that were about 120. But I don't know if that even means
2 anything, it's past -- several days --

3 Q. Right, yeah, exactly.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. I think the only other question I have for you is did you
6 happen to come up on the bow of the deck at all to take a look to
7 see what was going on here?

8 A. No, I did walk the dock later that morning and -- because
9 I -- they were at the tower and they were flowing water in
10 that -- through that hole and so, you know, I was just curious of
11 why they were doing that. There was -- I saw a column; I did see
12 some flames coming up through that.

13 Q. That square?

14 A. That square hole, yeah.

15 Q. Okay, could you tell if the hatch was still on at the time or
16 if it was off?

17 A. It was open, that's all I saw. I don't know about the hatch;
18 I just saw it was open.

19 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

20 BY LT [REDACTED]

21 Q. That hatch -- that square opening has a big steel cover?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. That was braced open. It was completely -- at that point,
24 completely open because you said they were spraying water down
25 into it?

1 A. Yeah, they were just spraying water.

2 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

3 BY SA PETRULAK:

4 Q. But you didn't -- you don't know -- did you know anybody or
5 hear any radio calls about anybody going out onto that bow to
6 maybe open that up?

7 LT MCAULIFFE: Yes, I didn't hear -- I didn't hear that,
8 but -- so, Mike Johnson (ph.) with Ladder 4 --

9 MR. HANNA: I heard a chainsaw.

10 LT MCAULIFFE: Yeah.

11 MR. HANNA: I heard a chainsaw.

12 LT MCAULIFFE: Yes, he came up covered in saw dust and I'm
13 like -- I thought that was very strange and he goes yeah, there's
14 a bunch of wood and wood beams over -- cutting through. It turns
15 out that there were (indiscernible) and something. So,
16 potentially getting his story because he was there pretty early,
17 Ladder 4.

18 SA PETRULAK: Okay.

19 MR. HANNA: I think some of my (indiscernible) boxes of latex
20 gloves are smoking up in the bow and they opened up a compartment.
21 But I don't remember at what point I hear that. I think that was
22 towards the end of us getting relieved.

23 SA PETRULAK: So, yeah, (indiscernible).

24 MR. HANNA: I thought we -- you know, when we left, it was
25 very manageable. There wasn't a lot of -- you know, I mean, other

1 than that little hole, maybe some flames coming up there that
2 was -- they were managing with, I guess, water, but it wasn't
3 heavy smoke. It was -- it seemed very manageable. We weren't
4 sure what happened.

5 SA PETRULAK: Nod to that other shift after you did all that
6 good work.

7 LT MCAULIFFE: Yeah, good old (indiscernible) shift.

8 MR. HANNA: We moralize well, so.

9 LT [REDACTED] I don't have any further questions.

10 SA PETRULAK: I'm good.

11 LT [REDACTED]: All right.

12 SA PETRULAK: Unless there's anything else you can think of
13 that we didn't ask you?

14 MR. HANNA: No, I can't think of anything else.

15 LT [REDACTED] All right, well, we're going to conclude the
16 interview. The time is 5:03.

17 (Whereupon, at 5:03 p.m., the interview was concluded.)
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