



Hamburg Township Fire Department

Station: **12**
Shifts Or Platoon: **Day Shift 0600-1800**

Location: 7809 WINANS LAKE RD Brighton MI 48116	Incident Type: 111 - Building fire
Lat/Long: N 42° 27' 48.68" W 83° 47' 45.36"	FDID: 04704 Incident #: 2019-1421 Exposure ID: 44372553 Exposure #: 0 Incident Date: 11/19/2019 Dispatch Run #: 190001421
Zone: 24 - Zone 24 Location Type: 1 - Street address	

Report Completed by:	Zernick , Jordan	ID: 00142	Date: 06/09/2020
Report Reviewed by:	Not Reviewed		
Report Printed by:	Zernick , Jordan	ID: 00142	Date: 6/9/2020 Time: 10:45

Structure Type: Enclosed building	Property Use: 419 - 1 or 2 family dwelling																
Automatic Extinguishment System Present: <input type="checkbox"/>	Detectors Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cause of Ignition: Intentional																
Aid Given or Received: Automatic aid received	Primary action taken: 11 - Extinguishment by fire service personnel																
Additional actions: 51 - Ventilate , -																	
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Neighboring Agencies
Agency Name: (1) Livingston County EMS Agency ID: Agency Type: Other EMS Agency
Agency Name: (2) Hamburg Township Police Department Agency ID: Agency Type: Law
Agency Name: Brighton Area Fire Authority -04701 Agency ID: 04701 Agency Type: Fire
Agency Name: Green Oak Township Fire Department - 04703 Agency ID: 04703 Agency Type: Fire
Agency Name: Livingston County DART Agency ID: Agency Type: Other
Agency Name: Putnam Township Fire Department - 04708 Agency ID: 04708

Narrative from dispatch:

HOUSE HIGH ON A HILL BLK SMOKE SHOWING [11/19/19 15:38:00 DLANG]Caller Statement: REPORTED BUILDING/STRUCTURE FIREChief Complaint: Structure Fire [.] [11/19/19 15:38:34 DLANG]Dispatch Code: 69E06 (Residential (single))Response: _ECHOQuestions: -- The incident involves a single-family residential structure. [.] [11/19/19 15:38:46 DLANG]N SIDE OF WINANS LAKE [11/19/19 15:38:57 DLANG]7809 WINNANS LAKE RD PER THE CALLER .. [11/19/19 15:39:24 DBLASZKIEWICZ]CALLER DID NOT SEE ANY CARS [11/19/19 15:39:40 DLANG]CECE, ANTHONY .. 734 347 8198 [11/19/19 15:39:48 DBLASZKIEWICZ]SMOKE IN THE HOUSE .. WINDOWS ARE COVERED WITH SMOKE [11/19/19 15:40:05 DBLASZKIEWICZ]Questions: -- The caller is not inside the building. -- A multi-story structure is involved: 2 - CALLER IS A PASSERBY -- It is not known if anyone is trapped inside the structure. -- The exact location of the fire is: UPSTAIRS - POSSIBLY -- Floor: SMOKE FROM UPSTAIRS WINDOWS -- It is not known if anyone is injured. [.] [11/19/19 15:40:16 DLANG]CAN` T TELL IF ANYONE IS INSIDE [11/19/19 15:40:29 DBLASZKIEWICZ]FIRE IN THE GARAGE .. NO CARS IN DRIVE [11/19/19 15:40:40 DBLASZKIEWICZ]CORDTS/MARK - 810-923-8960 [11/19/19 15:41:17 DLANG][EMS] OSEMOCHER/ MATT 810-923-5814 PASSERBY [11/19/19 15:41:30 APASIENZA][LAW] {724} MUTIPLE STORY STRUCTURE, SMOKE FIRST FLOOR [11/19/19 15:42:24 JMCLEISH]{CHF1} WORKING FIRE [11/19/19 15:42:29 CLOPEZ][FIRE] UDOTS: 10 Minute Time Stamp [11/19/19 15:42:44 CLOPEZ]{CHF1} EN12 UP THE DRIVE - SPOTTER AT THE RD [11/19/19 15:43:38 DLANG][LAW] {724} FULLY INVOLVED GARAGE [11/19/19 15:44:18 JMCLEISH][FIRE] {CHF8} ESTABLISH WATER COMMAND PER ON SCENE COMMAND CLOSED DOWN [11/19/19 15:46:02 CLOPEZ][FIRE] EN31 [11/19/19 15:46:23 CLOPEZ][LAW] {548} WINANAS LAKE SHUT DOWN NATURE TRAIL [11/19/19 15:48:36 JMCLEISH][FIRE] PER HOMEOWNER - UNOCCUPIED [11/19/19 15:48:52 LLOAFMAN][FIRE] {CHF8} EMER2 FOR WATER [11/19/19 15:49:28 DLANG][FIRE] UDOTS: DART SOUTH [11/19/19 15:53:18 LLOAFMAN]{CHF1} INTERIOR OFFENSIVE, MAKING PROGRESS, ON THE INTERIOR WALKOUT LEVEL - CONT TIME STAMPS [11/19/19 15:56:17 DLANG]{TK11} LVL1 [11/19/19 15:58:05 DLANG] [FIRE] TK11AR CREW TO THE TOP - PACK & TOOLS - DRIVER TO WATER [11/19/19 15:58:25 DLANG]assisted htpd on fire [11/19/19 15:59:16 Unit:548][FIRE] UPON INITIAL REQUEST FOR SECOND ALARM CAD MALFUNCTION OCCURED [11/19/19 16:04:09 CLOPEZ]UDOTS: {CPT10} 10 Minute Time Stamp [11/19/19 16:05:52 DLANG]WATER SUPPLY FROM STA12 [11/19/19 16:07:04 DLANG]DART RESPONDING ETA 10 [11/19/19 16:08:28 JMCLEISH]{CHF1} MAKING PROGRESS, CHECKING FOR EXTENSIONS, OFFENSIVE [11/19/19 16:16:24 DLANG]UDOTS: {CPT10} 10 Minute Time Stamp [11/19/19 16:16:29 DLANG]DTE CONFIRMATION NUMBER: 41788263 [11/19/19 16:16:53 CLOPEZ]{UT12} LEVEL1 W/ AIR TRAILER [11/19/19 16:17:36 DLANG]CONSUMERS NOTIFIED CONFIRMATION 1050922066 [11/19/19 16:18:56 CLOPEZ]CONSUMERS ETA WITHIN 60 MINS [11/19/19 16:19:18 CLOPEZ][FIRE] DTE 20 MIN ETA [11/19/19 16:19:40 DBLASZKIEWICZ]UDOTS: {CPT10} 10 Minute Time Stamp [11/19/19 16:26:49 DLANG][FIRE] ADTL DTE CONFIRMATION FOR SMART SHUTOFF - 41788271 [11/19/19 16:28:27 DLANG]DTE 20 MIN ETA PER TECH ENROUTE [11/19/19 16:34:40 EDOLAN]UDOTS: {CPT10} 10 Minute Time Stamp [11/19/19 16:37:13 DLANG]{CHF1} SHOULD KNOW IN 10MIN - WATER USE SHOULD BE UNDER 1K [11/19/19 16:39:18 DLANG]COMMAND FIRE UNDER CONTROL [11/19/19 16:44:47 CLOPEZ]UDOTS: 10 Minute Time Stamp [11/19/19 16:47:27 CLOPEZ]COMMAND CLEAR ON 60 [11/19/19 16:47:49 CLOPEZ]COMMAND - METERS BEEN PULLED [11/19/19 16:50:06 CLOPEZ][LAW] {707} RESPNDING TO 724 LOCATION [11/19/19 16:59:54 JMCLEISH]UDOTS: 10 Minute Time Stamp [11/19/19 17:00:48 CLOPEZ]{CHF1} TIME STAMP AT 90 MIN [11/19/19 17:02:28 CLOPEZ]{CHF1} DISCONTINUE TIME STAMPS [11/19/19 17:15:02 DLANG][FIRE] ALL UNITS CLR OF EMER1 AND EMER2 [11/19/19 18:49:24 DSTEVEN]OPEN THE ROAD PER OIC [11/19/19 18:57:22 DSTEVEN]Belfor contacted for investigation board up. They have a less than 60 min eta. [11/19/19 20:52:53 Unit:FM1]Business Partner Joseph Robert Stinson5/31/199133 Basket Branch Fenton, MI 48430 [11/19/19 20:56:33 Unit:FM1]Home security camera system DVR taken into property at 2045hrs. [11/19/19 20:57:33 Unit:FM1]Home Owner:N-560-683-275-482PHILIP GERHARD NEUMEIER 06/24/1985 M 5-11 200 BRO IMAGE7809 WINANS LAKE RD ER-OPER 06/23/2018 06/24/2022BRIGHTON MI 48116-8817 47 ***.**-****TX- 734-709-1213 [11/19/19 20:58:50 Unit:FM1]BALFOUR AR [11/19/19 21:57:59 DSTEVEN]

NARRATIVE (2)

Narrative Title: Investigation Narrative

Narrative Author: Zernick , Jordan

Narrative Date: 06/09/2020 10:45:14

Narrative Apparatus ID: FM1

Narrative:

Address of Incident 7809 Winans Lake Rd. Brighton, Michigan 48116

Date of Incident 11/19/2019

Time of dispatch: 15:39 Hours

Time of first unit arrival: 15:41 Hours (Chief 1)

Incident Command for the event: Fire Chief Nick Miller

Origin and Cause Investigators for the event: Fire Marshal Jordan Zernick, Hamburg Township Police Department Officer/Fire Investigator Spencer Flavin

Origin and Cause Investigation Narrative:

On initial arrival at the scene I, Fire Marshal Zernick, was in the operations mode. I was the driver operator of the first arriving engine and was on the first attack crew that entered the garage and basement of the residence. My observation when I arrived was that we had a large 3 story home that had active fire in the garage that had appeared to have moved its way into the main body of the residence. There was smoke coming from the residence at that time. A 2 ½-attack line was stretched from the engine as I was placing all of my Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on. Once all of my equipment was properly placed on my person I proceeded to go to the end of the hose line that at that time was lying in the driveway at the entrance to the garage. Upon reaching the end of the line. Water was applied to the fire located inside the garage. Once an additional crewmember arrived at the entrance of the garage, crews switched to a 1 ¾-attack line and went to the entry door located inside the garage that lead into the basement. When crews arrived at the basement door, it was found to be obstructing the path of travel. Crewmembers then pushed what remained of the door in and proceeded into the structure. There was a significant amount of smoke that was found inside the basement. There was a small amount of fire that was found to be located in what was later discovered as the pool table area of the residence. That fire was extinguished. After evaluating the structure with a thermal imaging camera it was determined that, there was active fire on the opposite side of the residence near the sliding glass entry doors. Crews were able to reach the area with the hose line and extinguish the remainder of the active fire.

Once fire was extinguished, the primary attack crew was re assigned to securing the power on the building. Green Oak Township Deputy Chief Tracy Chamberlain and I went to the side of the home where the electrical meter was located. It was found that there was a "whole house" generator that had the lid raised on it. After examining the generator, the breakers were found to be in the off position and the natural gas line that powered the generator was found to be off. At that, time crews changed the setting on the generator from the "auto" setting to off. The electrical meter was found to still be receiving power and that finding was relayed to the incident commander. Crews then evaluated the solar panel system. The main power switch was found to be in the on position. Crews turned the power switch to off to attempt to eliminate potential electricity being powered to the home.

At this time, my crew was re assigned to staging. Once arriving in staging the incident commander requested that I go make contact with the owner of the home that was reported to be located in the roadway at the bottom of the driveway. At that time, I walked to the bottom of the hill and made contact for the first time with Mr. Philip Neumeier. Mr. Neumeier was standing in the road that was closed to through traffic, with his friend Joseph Stinson. I explained to Mr. Neumeier that there was a significant amount of fire damage to the basement of his home and the remainder of the home had sustained a significant amount of heat and smoke damage. I told Mr. Neumeier that we were in the process of ensuring that the fire was completely out. At that time, Mr. Neumeier stated that he was going to leave to go "cool off" at the bar. He stated that he needed to get a drink. I informed Mr. Neumeier that I believed that it was within his best interest to remain on scene so that we could ask any questions that we may have during the process. At that time, Mr. Neumeier stated that he really needed to go cool down. He stated that he could be contacted via cell phone if needed and that he would return later in the evening. Mr. Neumeier left the scene and I returned to the command post to continue to work on ensuring that the fire was out.

It was at this time that I requested that Officer Spencer Flavin from the Hamburg Township Police Department be called to assist in the Origin and Cause Investigation. When available Officer Flavin assists with all Origin and Cause Investigations that occur in Hamburg Township. The incident commander followed standard protocol and informed me that he would be enroute shortly. Once Officer Flavin arrived on scene I updated him as to what crews had on arrival. Additionally, I updated Officer Flavin as to the status of the home owner at that time.

Officer Flavin and I began to walk around the building to begin our preliminary investigation. Officer Flavin and I began by examining the garage. All burn patterns were indicative that the fire began in the basement and extended into the garage. At that time, Officer Flavin and I began to examine the basement area of the structure. Two separate areas that sustained deep charring to structural members. The first area was directly inside the door leading from the garage to the basement. As you walked through the doorway directly above was an area that consisted of four floor joists that had charring indicative of significant heat. The area involved was the width of the "pool table" area of the basement. Additionally, we noticed that there was significant depth of char to the bottom side of the staircase that lead from the basement to the first floor of the structure. These areas were not in direct contact with one another. At that time, Officer Flavin and I determined that it was best suited, due to the lack of daylight, that we continue our investigation the following day. The incident commander had requested Belfor Property Restoration to the scene to secure the building. It was requested, by the Incident Commander, that Belfor Property Restoration bring the necessary resources to secure the building for investigation purposes.

It was at this time the Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Stinson returned to the residence. The following listed dictation is of the conversation that took place with Mr. Neumeier, Mr. Stinson, Fire Marshal Zernick, and Officer Flavin the night of the fire.

Type Dialog of Body Camera Footage interview from the night of the fire with Mr. Neumeier, Mr. Stinson, Fire Marshal Zernick, and Officer Flavin.

At that time, Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Stinson returned to the home. They met both Officer Flavin and I in the driveway in front of the building. Mr. Neumeier began the conversation by asking "can you tell me what happened guys yet?" We responded stated he we can't. I then explained to Mr. Neumeier what was going to happen at this point. We had contacted a board up company to board up the house and lock the residence. He was then told that the investigation would then start the following morning. Mr. Neumeier then ask "then nobody knows about it". I think asked knows what? Mr. Neumeier responded with "What happened?" At the same time Mr. Stinson asked, "can we grab any clothes or shit like that?". He was informed that he could not. Mr. Stinson then stated, "What do you mean no?" Mr. Neumeier state "the police officer down there stated it started in the garage. I then educated both Mr. Stinson and Mr. Neumeier as to the extent of the damage of the items in the home and informed them as to why it was not safe for them to removed anything from the home. Mr. Neumeier asked if it was a total loss and I informed him it was. I then proceeded to ask Mr. Neumeier what insurance he had. Mr. Neumeier stated "Amica". I then told Mr. Neumeier that his insurance adjuster would not want him to take any items from the home. I educated Mr. Neumeier as to why they would not want him to remove items from the home. Mr. Neumeier then asked, "did I talk to you earlier in the helmet?" I told him yes. Mr. Neumeier then said "I thought you said just I mean dude obviously this is fucked I thought you said it was just like no no structural like". I then educated Mr. Neumeier that structurally the home was not in bad shape other than the staircase coming from the basement to the first floor of the residence. I told him that the interior finishing's of the home sustained significant damage. Mr. Neumeier then asked, "What's he doing?" This question was asked in reference to the firefighter that was working on the first floor of the home over the garage. There was still active smoke coming from the windowsill of the window directly above the large garage door. Chief Nick Miller was working to expose the area to ensure that the fire was completely out and there was no chance of the fire continuing to burn. Mr. Neumeier then stated, "Oh my god that's I was working on the generator today you said you need to talk to me then, let's talk". I responded and stated he was working on the generator. Mr. Neumeier responded with "yep". I asked him if he left it in the stated in which it was currently sitting, Mr. Neumeier responded with "yes sir". I asked if the gas was off? Mr. Neumeier stated "I turned the gas off I turned the um break on the ah generator off um I, I put the oil in there um I didn't have the oil wrench to take off the filter and I went to ACE to grab it. When I came back uh all you guys were here." I clarified with Mr. Neumeier that he put the new oil in the generator and then he went to get the filter. Mr. Neumeier responded with "yeah I put the new oil in and I didn't think about taking the oil out first and it came through the other drain so I put the drain hole back on it. I put the oil inside (pointed towards the house) cause I didn't know if there was a special oil I needed but it was just regular oil 10W 30 which is normal um which I got at O'Reileys today um and then I forgot the wrench at O'Reileys and that's why I went to ACE." I then clarified with Mr. Neumeier that it was Lakeland ACE Hardware that he was speaking about. He followed up by saying "ah Dairy Queen right over here". I followed up by asking if it was Peters True Value that he went to. Mr. Neumeier asked, "is that next to Dairy Queen?" I stated yes. Mr. Neumeier stated, "ok I always thought that was an ACE." Officer Flavin stated ACE is the one by the tracks by Hungry Howie's. Mr. Neumeier stated "yeah by Hungry Howie's, no, no, no, yeah Peters Hardware sorry I thought that was an ACE." Mr. Neumeier then said "oh my god dude the the roof". I then began to tell Mr. Neumeier what the next step in the process was for him. I told Mr. Neumeier that he needed to get in contact with his insurance company and let them know what was going on so they can get the process started on their end. I then told him that he needed to let his insurance company know that there was a board up company on the way to secure his

him so no one could get in the house to mess with his items. I told him that the house was going to be locked and the only person that was going to have the key to the lock was going to me myself. Mr. Neumeier then asked "is there any way that you can look in there to see there in the computer room which is right across cause this room is the kitchen over here by the sliding glass door, if you walk across where the basement door is or was, there's a computer room, could see if the computer is intact?" I follow up by responding yes I will go look for you right now. Mr. Neumeier then stated, "thank you, it's a black computer and it's on the floor." I then asked if I was looking for a laptop or a desktop computer. Mr. Neumeier responded by saying, "it's a desk top with like eight or ah four screens on it."

Mr. Neumeier then said to Mr. Stinson, "this is way worse than I felt. My Stinson responded with "I can't I can't I don't know fuck dude." Mr. Neumeier then stated, "It melted the fucking siding with out the wood dude that's wood". Officer Flavin then asked Mr. Neumeier if he had the house a long time or did he have it sided. Mr. Neumeier responded by saying, "I bought the house without the siding on it and then I had the siding put on it." Mr. Neumeier then asked Officer Flavin "how did it melt the outside but didn't burn the wood?" Officer Flavin then educated Mr. Neumeier that the siding appeared to be melted from the heat coming out of the garage in turn melting the siding directly above the garage door. Mr. Neumeier then asked, "nobody got hurt right?" Then Officer Flavin said hey man stay back to Mr. Stinson who was walking up towards the garage. Mr. Neumeier stated, "Joey come on man, let them do their shit, no one got hurt?" Officer Flavin responded with "nope" and Mr. Neumeier "Thank God". Officer Flavin asked, "you guys are the only ones that live here right?" Mr. Neumeier responded with "I live here he crashes here". Mr. Stinson stated "all of my shits all up in that room which has been destroyed. Officer Flavin followed up with "oh you don't live here you just stay here a lot?" Mr. Stinson replied with "yeah". Officer Flavin then asked, "was it just you here today then or were you here as well?" Mr. Stinson immediately replied with "I was not here today no, I was coming back when he messaged me and called me and said his shits on fire." Mr. Neumeier asked, "does the whole house look like that like nothing salvageable?" Officer Flavin replied with "I don't know for sure I haven't been through the whole house. I know that in there they had to pull the drywall to make sure the fire wasn't up there." Mr. Neumeier "they think it happened from in here?" (pointing at the garage area) Officer Flavin replied with "we don't know where it happened." Mr. Neumeier states "when I pull when I pulled up, they said that it happened from the garage." Chief Nick Miller then answered Mr. Neumeier by stated "the investigators haven't look at the fire." Mr. Neumeier then states "Fuck dude this is not what I was expect". Mr. Stinson states "ya I did not expect to see that dude" a conversation not pertaining to the investigation takes place between Officer Flavin and Officer Fishhaber. Officer Fishhaber asks "what is all that stuff" (asking about the items in the garage) Mr. Neumeier then responds with "oh that's a tanning salon so I buy a tropi tan it's a tropi tan ." Officer Fishhaber then asks, "you have a tropi tan in your garage?" Mr. Neumeier replies with "yeah". As Mr. Stinson states "well what looks like one you have to assemble it first". Mr. Neumeier then stats "we bought this for our building and I stored it here and we don't need it for our building." Mr. Stinson then states "dude he got it" and Mr. Neumeier states "Oh". Mr. Stinson states "dude do you have any idea how much shits on that computer. Mr. Neumeier states "oh my god this is my life I can prolly retrieve everything". Mr. Stinson states "dude that's sweet". Mr. Neumeier states "every one's safe, this is the next thing, thank you". (at that time the desktop computer was given to Mr. Neumeier. Mr. Stinson states "alright, next question". I then begin to explain what is going to happen next. I state that the house is going to be boarded up. I stated that I will call Mr. Neumeier tomorrow morning. I then asked Officer Flavin to get their information. Mr. Stinson asks, "have you been in that room is it completely fucked" (asking about the room directly over the garage. Mr. Neumeier states he has \$150,000 in bitcoin. Mr. Stinson then asks about a laptop that is supposed to be in the corner of the room over the garage. Mr. Stinson then states "don't sugar coat it, is it fucked?" asking about the room above the garage. Officer Flavin replied with most likely. Officer Flavin then begins to ask for Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Stinson's information for documentation purposes. Mr. Neumeier the states again that he had the house re sided a few years ago and states that he has been in the house since 2016. Mr. Stinson and Mr. Neumeier then talk about how the house is a total loss. Mr. Neumeier then states, "he was the one who even said it wasn't" and Mr. Stinson states "I know dude". Officer Flavin asks, "who were you talking to earlier?" Mr. Neumeier responds with "the Fire Marshal he said it was just structural, that is about as fuck as." Officer Flavin then explained what we identify a total loss as. Officer Flavin, then continues to get their information. Officer Flavin ask Mr. Stinson how long they have been working together. Mr. Stinson replies with since 2014. He states that he crashes at Mr. Neumeiers occasionally which is why the laptop is in that room. Mr. Neumeier states "it doesn't even fuckin matter at this point, is the fish tank fucked?" Officer Flavin replies by asking where is the fish tank located? Mr. Neumeier states it's a 16 ft fish tank and it's behind the bar. Chief Miller replies with the fish tank is gone. Mr. Neumeier then states "it must have been that hot to melt that fuckin thing that was like bullet proof glass dude." Officer Flavin asks where did the Fire Marshal go? Did you ask him to get something else out of the house for you? Mr. Stinson replies with "just my will to live". Mr. Neumeier then states "oh actually it depends on what levels are fucked, there's a safe upstairs in the far corner." Officer Flavin states I would hope that okay. Mr. Neumeier asks, "will they let me in there later once it gets boarded up?" Officer Flavin states down the road yeah. Chief Miller explains that the investigators will get with Mr. Neumeier tomorrow, but you won't be able to get into the house until after tomorrow. Officer Flavin then explains that we will get with him tomorrow after we do some more investigating. Mr. Neumeier states ok just get with me tomorrow. Mr. Stinson states to Mr. Neumeier I say we get a hotel with a Jacuzzi. Officer Fishhaber then asks where the laptop is located in that room. Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Stinson explain that it is next to the window on the roadside of the house. Mr. Neumeier states "I haven't even called Ally yet; it's just been fuckin crazy." Mr. Stinson stats "Ally has called me and I did let her know." Mr. Neumeier then talk about how if the computer made it then they are sure the printer made it. Officer Flavin and Chief Miller then talk about the smoke that is still coming from the building. Mr. Neumeier then asks, "is the other side of the house looking like this?" Officer Flavin replies with I don't remember I don't think so. Chief Miller then explains the extent of the damage to Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Stinson. Chief Miller then explains the process with Belfor. Mr. Neumeier states the he is staying down on Rickett rd.

Conversation at this point is over lapping and difficult to understand. I think ask Mr. Neumeier about the Tropi Tan in the garage. Mr. Neumeier states that "my goal was I was going to extent this house out and do like a dojo, but I was going to sell about half the shit because I don't need it, its 18 rooms but it builds the whole lay out out." Mr. Neumeier then states "I got a bunch of other properties and I help small businesses out. (conversation is difficult again to understand as Mr. Stinson is talking with Officer Flavin at the same time) Mr. Neumeier then talks about how he does mushroom extracts. I ask if that is what he does in the basement and he replies with yeah. He then states that everything is now over at the Coney Joes building in Brighton. He does extracts for neuropathy foot oil. Mr. Neumeier states "I started it out of this house, actually we started 8 businesses out of this house and then when we got Coney Joes I just move all of the stuff cause we are allowed to store shit there, we aren't allowed to work there yet but im going to have to crash there tonight unless Ally answers the phone. I then explain to Mr. Neumeier that he needs to get in contact with his insurance company to get the process started. Mr. Neumeier the states "I got security cameras." I then ask, "do you have access to them" and Mr. Neumeier states "yeah if you go into the laundry room you can grab the whole DVR for if you want to check it out." Officer Flavin and I then go into the house to obtain the DVR with the homeowner's permission.

Obtaining the DVR is on video footage for documentation purposes.

Once back outside the residence, Mr. Neumeier was on the phone with his insurance company. At that time, he then asked Officer Flavin how his bedroom looked ok? Officer Flavin replied by stated that the safe looks fine because its in the wall and the gun box looks ok, that was my concern as I wanted to make sure the gun was secure. Officer Flavin then returned a debit card to Mr. Neumeier that was found on the counter in the kitchen of the residence. Mr. Neumeier stated it was an expired business card from an old business. Officer Flavin then told Officer Fishhaber that he would be there until Belfor arrived to board up the building. Mr. Neumeier the asked "those guys are going to board all of this tonight?" Officer Flavin replied with yes. Officer Flavin then explained that they were boarding it up so no one could mess with the items inside and so we could conduct an investigation the following day. Mr. Stinson states "you know how crime can be in Brighton." Officer Flavin then explains that we have to be able to say that no one messed with anything inside the house when we are conducting the investigation. Mr. Stinson then states "that's true you sound like a really responsible adult and I commend you for that." (Mr. Stinson chuckles) Officer Flavin then asks how old Mr. Stinson is and he replies with "28 I'm not quite there yet" Mr. Neumeier then states Mr. Stinson is 35 and he likes to make jokes, he's trying to cheer me up I get it" Mr. Stinson then states " I just don't take nothin serious see like you can't go in there cause it's a fire inspection, oh right cause there's crime" (then chuckles) "you know cause in my head all my shits on fuckin fire"

Officer Flavin then asks Mr. Neumeier if the DVR has a password on it. Mr. Neumeier states "it does but I don't have it but I've already messaged the company um a couple months ago that they have a way to get it I don't have it, but I can login with my phone." Officer Flavin then asks, so we can't watch it with the DVR? Mr. Neumeier states "no no if you have it if you can get a password you can watch it but it's not a hard password I messaged the company. I just have an auto login with my phone so I don't have a password, but you can contact them and get one. I lost that a couple months ago." Mr. Neumeier then tells Officer Flavin where the cameras are located on the property. Mr. Neumeier asked "where they able to grab that?" Officer Flavin replies with yea. Mr. Neumeier then states "oh cool".

Mr. Neumeier asks Officer Flavin if we knew how long the fire was burning and Officer Flavin replied with no. At this time Mr. Neumeier is on the phone with who appeared to be his insurance company.

End of Video.

Origin and Cause Investigation Narrative (continued):

Once clearing the scene Officer Flavin and I briefed Detective/Sergeant Harpe as to the status of the scene. The following morning Investigators Zernick and Flavin returned to the scene along with Detective/Sergeant Harpe from Hamburg Township Police Department. After preliminary scene photos were completed, investigators entered the garage area of the structure. All burn patterns indicated that the fire was located in the basement of the structure and extended into the garage of the home. At that time units entered the basement and began a scene exam. Initial findings indicated that there were two localized areas of fire damage on the interior of the residence. The first area was located on a portion of the ceiling joists of the basement just inside the entry door on the east side of the basement. The second area was located underneath the stairway from the basement to the first floor. There were no consistent burn patters linking the two localized areas of fire damage.

At this time Investigators continued to analyze the interior of the structure. There was minimal fire damage to the first and second floor of the structure. A cold air return for the HVAC system allowed the fire to extend into the wall and to the first and second floor. Fire damage was contained to the area of the cold air return on both the first and second floor of the structure. An initial examination of the electrical system for the residence showed there were multiple branch circuits that were in the "tripped" position inside the breaker panel for the residence. This panel was located in the garage of the structure on the far east wall. A sub panel was located in the basement of the structure inside the utility closet near the

furnace and hot water heater. This panel also showed multiple tripped breakers. The panels were photo documented and left undisturbed. At this time Investigators backed out of the structure. Scene was secured via pad lock at this time.

DVR Footage Review

Investigators returned to the Hamburg Township Police Department to attempt to review the video footage supplied on the DVR that Mr. Neumeier supplied willingly to the Investigators the night of the fire. Investigators were able to review the footage. The initial review of the footage showed Mr. Neumeier removing items from inside the home the day before the fire. Items were loaded into Mr. Neumeier's vehicle and removed from the property. The day of the fire video footage showed both Mr. Neumeier exit the home and go to the area of the generator on the east side of the residence. Mr. Neumeier leaves the residence and then returns with Mr. Stinson in the vehicle with him. They both exit the vehicle with jugs of what appear to be oil. Both Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Stinson go to the area of the generator for a period of time. You then see both Mr. Neumeier come back into camera from the area of the generator. Mr. Neumeier is carrying an aluminum roasting pan.

Mr. Neumeier in a later interview states the roasting pan was filled with oil. He states that he had put the oil into the generator and then realized that he did not change the oil filter. Mr. Neumeier then drains the new oil out of the generator and places it in the aluminum roasting pan. He attempts multiple times to remove the oil filter and cannot do so. He then states that he takes the aluminum roasting pan in through the garage of the structure and places it underneath the staircase from the basement to the first floor. He states that he took a picture of the oil pan and sent it to Joey (Mr. Stinson) so that he did not knock it over.

Additional review of the video footage shows that Mr. Neumeier carries the aluminum roasting pan up the exterior stairs to the home and enters the residence with the aluminum roasting pan in hand through the sliding glass door that takes you into the kitchen of the residence on the first floor of the home. Following Mr. Neumeier up the stairs and into the home on the first floor is Mr. Stinson who is carrying what appears to be the two identical jugs of oil that were taken from the vehicle earlier in the day. Both Mr. Neumeier and Mr. Stinson are inside the residence for a period of time. They then both exit the home. Mr. Stinson walks out empty handed, and Mr. Neumeier exits the home with one of the jugs of oil that were taken in by Mr. Stinson earlier in the video footage. They both walk down the stairs and get into Mr. Neumeier's vehicle and leave the property.

When Mr. Neumeier returns home he is alone. He exits the vehicle and enters the home for a period of time. Mr. Neumeier then exits the home and returns to his vehicle and leaves the property. It is at this time in Mr. Neumeier's series of events that he states he is leaving to go to the hardware store to obtain the oil wrench to remove the oil filter on the generator. He states in a later interview that he had left with Joey (Mr. Stinson) to return the extra oil that he had and drop Joey (Mr. Stinson) off at his vehicle at Sushi Zen in the City of Brighton. He states that he returned the oil at O'Reilly's located next door to the residence.

After Mr. Neumeier exits the home to go to the hardware store there is found to be visible smoke exiting the interior of the home and visible on camera 2 minutes and 2 seconds after Mr. Neumeier had exited the home.

Origin and Cause Investigation Narrative (continued):

Hamburg Township Fire units did not enter the home until CFI Jeremy Berard, with Herndon and Associates, requested to do a site evaluation. At that time Fire Marshal Zernick with Hamburg Township Fire Department, Detective/Sergeant with Hamburg Township Police, Fire Investigator/Officer Flavin, and Jeremy Berard with Herndon and Associates returned to the scene. Hamburg Township Officials walked the structure along with Investigator Berard. Once Mr. Berard completed his scene evaluation units left the scene and secured the residence via pad lock. Mr. Berard stated that he would like to see the DVR footage that was obtained the night of the fire. Mr. Berard reviewed the footage at the Hamburg Township Police Department. Mr. Berard stated that he would like to come back to the house and conduct a follow up scene evaluation, specifically in the two areas of localized fire damage to structural members.

Mr. Berard and Fire Marshal Zernick returned to the residence to conduct a follow up scene evaluation. After excavating the area under the stairway an aluminum pan consisting of a petroleum product was found. There were multiple items within the pan one being what appeared to be the base to a floor lamp. Items were documented in place and then moved to the top of the pool table for further evaluation. While examining the contents of the pan it was determined that it was a floor lamp that was lying inside the pan of petroleum product. The lamp bulb was wrapped in what appeared to be a combustible material similar to a shirt or rag. At that time it was determined that the findings were indicative of an incendiary device. At that time all scene evaluation ceased and Det./Sgt Harpe was contacted and requested to the scene. Once Det./Sgt Harpe arrived, the found items were documented and taken into the possession of HTPD as evidence. Additional excavation under the stairs was conducted. The power cord for the lamp was located. The power cable ran to a power strip that was plugged into an outlet in the adjacent bathroom. This power cable and power strip was also taken in as evidence by HTPD Det./Sgt Harpe. At that time all Investigators left the residence and it was secured with a pad lock.

On December 11, 2019 ATF Agent Mike Stassi was requested to assist in the examination of the collected evidence by Det/Sgt Harpe. Agent Stassi along with ATF Agent John Franklin met with Fire Marshal Zernick and Det/Sgt Harpe at the Hamburg Township Police Department. The evidence was examined and x-rayed. Upon review by ATF Agents it was determined that both the lamp and the power strip were found to be in the ON position. At that ATF Agents offered their assistance in conducting a scene evaluation. ATF Agents Stassi and Franklin conducted a site walk with Fire Marshal Zernick and Det/Sgt Harpe. It was determined that the assistance of Agent Stassi was going to require an additional scene examination.

On December 16, 2019 ATF Agent Mike Stassi, HTFD Fire Marshal Jordan Zernick, HTPD Officer Flavin, and HTPD Det/Sgt Harpe returned to 7809 Winans Lake Rd. for an additional scene evaluation. Additional evaluation of the electrical components in the vicinity of the two distinct localized areas of fire damage was examined. Electrical components did not appear to be the cause of the fire. Excavation of the entire floor area in the area was conducted. A large irregular burn pattern was found on the floor on the east side of the basement. This irregular burn pattern aligned with the previously stated localized fire damage on the ceiling joists on the east side of the basement. Samples of the evidence were taken into evidence by HTPD and sent to the Michigan State Police Laboratory for evaluation.

Based on the information obtained during scene examination, interviews, and DVR review it is the opinion of this investigator that there were two distinct and separate areas of origin. One being on the ceiling joists on the east side of the basement and second being under the stairway to the first floor from the basement.

Pending any additional witness statements and results from the collected samples, this fire is being classified as an incendiary fire.

END

Fire Marshal Jordan Zernick

NARRATIVE (3)

Narrative Title: Command

Narrative Author: Zernick , Jordan

Narrative Date: 03/12/2020 10:28:38

Narrative Apparatus ID: CHF1

Narrative:

HTFD was dispatched to the area of the listed address for a reported home on fire. Called in by a passerby. HTFD Chief 1 and GOFD Chief 802 arrived in the area and found the home to have active fire. Smoke was visible from multiple sides of the home. HTFD requested dispatch to upgrade the run to a second alarm to bring additional resources to the scene. The home on top of a hill with a tight driveway. I parked at the top of the driveway and Engine 12 was able to make it up the driveway and park in front of the garage. Building size-up showed active fire coming out of the open garage door which appeared to be coming from the basement area of the home. Smoke was coming from all levels of the home including the attic area of the home. No vehicles were in the driveway and the home did not appear to be occupied. As the crews started to work on scene the owner drove up to the scene and confirmed with Chief 8 that no persons were in the home. GOFD Engine 80 also was able to make it up the driveway. Eng 80 laid supply line on the way up the drive way and apparatus on Winans Lake Rd supplied water directly to Eng 12.

FM 1 and Chief 802 made up the Eng 12 crew and started to make an offensive attack on the home. Chief 1 assisted with pumping the apparatus until additional personnel arrived on scene. Ultimately Captain 10 took over as the Eng 12 pump operator. Initial attack was a transitional attack with a 2 1/2" line and working the fire from the area in front the garage door. Once they were able to reset the growth of the fire the crew made entry into the basement area of the home through the garage with a 1 3/4" attack line. The Eng 12 crew was able to make it through the entire basement and report that they had the fire in the basement under control.

The Eng 80 crew made entry into the first floor alpha side and checked for extension and worked on obtain all clears through the building. They found heavy smoke conditions and asked for ventilation support. Eng 31 crew worked on opening things up on the Charlie side of the home, Eng 80 did some hydraulic ventilation out of the front door, and a fan was placed into the basement/ garage area of the home to assist. Additional crews worked on scene and worked on all clears of the area above the garage and worked on extension that was into the second floor of the home.

As tasks were completed, the crews picked up equipment and started to clear the scene and return to be placed back into service. FM 1 was transitioned from fire attack to start gathering report information and start a preliminary investigation with assistance from HTPD. Belfor was requested to the scene to secure the home. HTFD units remained on scene until the home was secured and lock with the investigation lock. The scene was turned over Fire Marshal Zernick for origin and cause investigation.

Submitted,

Nick Miller

Fire Chief – Hamburg Township Fire

APPARATUS

Unit	BR11	Unit	BR12
Type:	Brush truck	Type:	Brush truck
Use:	EMS	Use:	EMS
Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens	Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens
# of People	2	# of People	2
Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Enroute	11 /19/2019 16:03:39	Enroute	11 /19/2019 17:47:01
Arrived	11 /19/2019 16:19:17	Arrived	11 /19/2019 17:49:52
Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22	Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22
In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00	In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00
Unit	CHF1	Unit	CPT10
Type:	BLS unit	Type:	BLS unit
Use:	EMS	Use:	EMS
Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens	Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens
# of People	1	# of People	1
Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Enroute	11 /19/2019 15:41:17	Enroute	11 /19/2019 15:40:19
Arrived	11 /19/2019 15:48:40	Arrived	11 /19/2019 15:45:11
Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22	Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22
In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00	In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00
Unit	EN11	Unit	EN12
Type:	Engine	Type:	Engine
Use:	Suppression	Use:	Other
Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens	Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens
# of People	2	# of People	2
Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Enroute	11 /19/2019 15:43:00	Enroute	11 /19/2019 15:43:25
Arrived	11 /19/2019 15:48:26	Arrived	11 /19/2019 15:44:46
Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22	Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22
In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00	In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00
Unit	FM1	Unit	MCT11
Type:	BLS unit	Type:	None
Use:	EMS	Use:	Other
Response Mode:	No Lights or Sirens	Response Mode:	()
# of People	1	# of People	4
Alarm	11 /19/2019 21:15:01	Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Dispatched	11 /19/2019 21:15:01	Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Enroute	11 /19/2019 21:15:01	Enroute	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Arrived	11 /19/2019 21:15:01	Arrived	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	11 /19/2019 19:00:22
Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 21:15:01	Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22
In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
In Service	11 /19/2019 23:06:08	In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00
Unit	TK11	Unit	TK12
Type:	Tanker & pumper combination	Type:	Tanker & pumper combination
Use:	Suppression	Use:	Suppression
Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens	Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens
# of People	3	# of People	1
Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16	Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16
Enroute	11 /19/2019 15:51:43	Enroute	11 /19/2019 15:47:58

Arrived	11 /19/2019 15:57:47	Arrived	11 /19/2019 15:49:11
Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22	Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22
In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --	In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --
In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00	In Service	11 /19/2019 19:00:22
Unit	UT12		
Type:	Support apparatus, other		
Use:	Suppression		
Response Mode:	No Lights or Sirens		
# of People	2		
Alarm	11 /19/2019 15:39:16		
Dispatched	11 /19/2019 15:39:16		
Enroute	11 /19/2019 16:16:26		
Arrived	11 /19/2019 16:17:25		
Cancelled	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --		
Cleared Scene	11 /19/2019 19:00:22		
In Quarters	-- / -- / -- -- : -- : --		
In Service	11 /19/2019 21:15:00		
Number Of People not on apparatus: 0			

FIRE			
Acres Burned	None or Less Than One	Acres Burn From Wildland Form	False
Area Of Fire Origin	Multiple areas	Heat Source	Heat source: other
Item First Ignited	Undetermined	Fire Is Confined To Object Of Origin	
Type Of Material	Undetermined	Cause Of Ignition	Intentional
Factor Contributing To Ignition	Undetermined		
Human Factors Contributing	None		

STRUCTURE FIRE			
Structure Type	Enclosed building	Building Status	In normal use
# Of Stories At Above Grade	3	# Of Stories Below Grade	0
Square Feet	2752	Length	
Width		Floor Of Origin	1
Fire Spread	Confined to building of origin		
Minor Damage	2	Significant Damage	0
Heavy Damage	0	Extreme Damage	0
Item Contributing Most To Spread	Mattress, pillow	Type Of Material Contributing Most To Spread	Undetermined
Presence Of Detectors	Present	Type Of Detection System	Smoke
Detector Power Supply	Battery only	Detector Operation	Undetermined

ARSON

Agency Name	Agency Address	Agency Phone
Hamburg Township Police Dept	10409 Merrill RD Whitmore Lake MI 48189	8102319391
Case Status	Availability Of Material First Ignited	
Investigation open	Unknown	
Suspected Motivation Factors		
Unknown		
Apparent Group Involvement		
No group involvement, acted alone		
Entry Method	Extent Of Fire Involvement On Arrival	Container
Door – open or unlocked	Flame and smoke showing	
Ignition Delay Device	Fuel	Other Investigative Information
		Financial problem
Property Ownership	Initial Observations	Laboratory Used
Private	Doors unlocked, Security system was activated	State

PEOPLE -- PERSON 1

Is Owner	True	Business Name	
Telephone Number	734.709.1213	Involvement	Property Owner
Name	Philip Neumeier	Date of Birth	
Address	7809 WINANS LAKE RD Brighton, MI 48116-		

CUSTOM FIELDS FORM

Was an AED used on scene?	No
Was the B Pack used ?	No
Did HTFD supply personnel to EMS?	No
Was Board up utilized on scene, if so who?	Belfor

INCIDENT IMAGES



PERSONNEL ON CALL

Name	Personnel Rank	Role(s)	Apparatus
Begnoche , Timothy J	Fully Trained Firefighter	58 - Drive / Operate apparatus or vehicle	UT12
Blue , Rodney L	Fully Trained Firefighter	12 - Salvage & overhaul	BR12
Dolan , Brandon M	Firefighter/EMT	58 - Drive / Operate apparatus or vehicle	TK11
Girard , David	Lieutenant	12 - Salvage & overhaul	UT12
Haskell , Timothy	Firefighter	12 - Salvage & overhaul	BR12
Hill , Daniel C	Firefighter/EMT	92 - Standby	MCT11
Hill , Derrick W	Fully Trained Firefighter	92 - Standby	MCT11
Knepley , Daniel	Fully Trained Firefighter	58 - Drive / Operate apparatus or vehicle	EN11
Lauzon , Tyler J	Firefighter	12 - Salvage & overhaul	TK11
Lawver , Jase	Duty Captain	58 - Drive / Operate apparatus or vehicle	TK12
London , Clinton R	Fully Trained Firefighter	12 - Salvage & overhaul	BR11
McMullen , Michael	Fully Trained Firefighter	12 - Salvage & overhaul	BR11
Miller, Joel Nicholas	Fire Chief	81 - Incident command	CHF1
Miller , Max	Cadet		EN12
Morris , Carlie E	Fully Trained Firefighter	92 - Standby	MCT11
Mougrabi , Youssef J	Firefighter	12 - Salvage & overhaul	TK11
Sacco , Martin	Fully Trained Firefighter	12 - Salvage & overhaul	EN11
Sadowski , Daniel J	Fully Trained Firefighter	92 - Standby	MCT11
Steinaway , Michael	Duty Captain	58 - Drive / Operate apparatus or vehicle	CPT10
Zernick , Jordan	Fire Marshal/Assistant Chief		EN12