

March 12, 2019

FOI No: 2019-15

VIA E-MAIL – **Redacted**

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Dear **Redacted**

Re: Request for Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The City of White Rock has processed your request for access to the following records pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act)*:

- *copies of the reports from the fire dept for these incidents that occurred at the Montecito by the Sea Apartment complex located at 1153 Vidal Street, apartment #210:*
 - *October 2 at approximately 8:30 am*
 - *January 23 at approximately 9:15 am*

Access to these records is available. However, some of the information in the records is excepted from disclosure under the Act. I have severed the excepted information so that I could disclose the remaining information to you as attached.

The severed information is excepted from disclosure under section 22 of the Act. Severing was necessary to avoid disclosing any third-party personal information without permission.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Ken Overton
Manager, Property, Risk Management, and FOI
604-541-2104

Att.

Corporate Administration
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City of White Rock
15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock BC, Canada V4B 1Y6

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If you believe that the City of White Rock has been unreasonable in its handling of your request, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review our response. You have 30 days from receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
3rd Floor, 756 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 1H2

Should you decide to request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

1. your name, address and telephone number;
2. a copy of this letter;
3. a copy of your original request sent to the City of White Rock; and
4. the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

White Rock Fire Department Incident Report

February 20, 2019

Incident Number:	18-64328	Incident Begin Time:	10/02/2018 8:21:18
Apt/Unit	210	Incident End Time:	10/02/2018 8:53:02
Incident Address:	1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK		
Cross Street:	VICTORIA AVE		
Dispatch Type	STRUCTURE FIRE - COMMERCIAL		
Incident Type:	FCO Fire - Commercial/Multi Reside	Building Name:	

Officer Reporting:	[N [Drug Lab:	0
Station Area:	White Rock Hall 1	Grow Op:	0
Shift:	A Shift	Secondary Suite:	0
Incident Commander:	[N	Total Injuries:	
False Alarm:	0	Total Manhours:	
Liability Release:	0	Total Manpower:	11

Bench Marks

Command Established:	10/02/2018 08:26:46	Working Fire:	
Ambulance on Scene:		1st Search Completed:	
Police on Scene:		2nd Search Completed:	
Police File Number:		Loss Stopped:	
Property Ref on Scene:		Situation under Control:	
Volunteers Paged:	10/02/2018 08:23:11	Post Incident Watch Posted:	
Duty Chief Notified:		Inspector Paged:	
Career Callout Initiated:		BC Hydro on Scene:	
FF with Ambulance:		Gas Utility on Scene:	
FF Return to Crew:		Fire Commisioner Notified:	
Tow Truck Notified:		Ministry of Environment:	
Public Works Notified:		Provincial Hiways Notified:	
		Min. of Forests Notified:	

Officer/Crew Notes

Notes: Davison

The pull station had activated the alarms. We were told there was a smell of smoke around suite 210. The window was open and we were able to see that there was smoke in the suite. The front door was unlocked so we entered and found that there was a shelf with a number a stuffed animals on it resting against the fire place that were starting to smoke. We ensured that the smoking items were not on fire and removed the shelf and contents to the deck. Used the fan to remove the smoke from the suite. The alarms were reset.

Time:

Dispatch Notes

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10/02/2018 08:21:18	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
10/02/2018 08:21:18	Change of mapped location
10/02/2018 08:21:27	Address change from BLANK Address to 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK
10/02/2018 08:21:32	Unit change from: 'BLANK' to '210'
10/02/2018 08:21:40	Initial incident type selected 'STR FIRE - COMRCL STRUCTURE FIRE -
10/02/2018 08:21:47	Incident dispatcher Assigned: 00002
10/02/2018 08:21:47	Dispatch acknowledged incident.
10/02/2018 08:21:55	Dispatch viewed Alert details.
10/02/2018 08:21:57	alarms sounding in unit 210 // caller can smell smoke coming from this unit
10/02/2018 08:22:11	VIEWED ALERT
10/02/2018 08:22:15	Dispatch viewed Alert details.
10/02/2018 08:22:23	RCMP ADVISED
10/02/2018 08:22:35	no one answering the door // has been sounding for approx 10 min
10/02/2018 08:22:48	AMB ADVISED
10/02/2018 08:23:46	Create 600 meter perimeter around E180555775
10/02/2018 08:23:31	BCAS Summary--->
10/02/2018 08:23:41	Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - COMRCL: 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK'.
10/02/2018 08:23:41	Change from 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK #210 to Change from 1153
10/02/2018 08:23:50	Dispatch viewed Alert details.
10/02/2018 08:23:50	Paramedic Specialist Notified
10/02/2018 08:24:00	07B02f SAFETY DIRECTION: Potential High Risk Hazard location - conduct
10/02/2018 08:24:26	Track Event Timestamp: PS Reviewed TA -Dispatch.
10/02/2018 08:24:28	Track Event Timestamp: PS Reviewed HRH -Dispatch.
10/02/2018 08:24:33	WRC1 on air
10/02/2018 08:25:00	Vancouver Duty Supervisor Group paged
10/02/2018 08:25:35	Prices Alarms // 888-817-8415
10/02/2018 08:26:43	WRE1 - nothing shown // vidal cmd // cmd mobile
10/02/2018 08:29:05	WRE2 - 2nd page complete
10/02/2018 08:29:55	cmd - alarms set off due to pull station // inv unit # 210
10/02/2018 08:30:00	Dispatch viewed Alert details.
10/02/2018 08:30:03	dva
10/02/2018 08:31:26	cmd - suite 210 full of smoke // due to cooking on site
10/02/2018 08:31:36	WRE2 - responding with 3
10/02/2018 08:33:45	cmd - false alarm // found source // will be on site clearing smoke // WRE2 can
10/02/2018 08:51:47	amb not req - amb standing down
10/02/2018 08:53:02	Transferred from CAD
10/02/2018 09:06:31	Cancel Request from agency BCAS : fd

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Apparatus Attending

Apparatus	Dispatch Time	On Route Time	Onscene Time	Return Service Time	Return Quarter Time/Date
<u>WR Engine 1</u>	10/02/2018 08:21:47	10/02/2018 08:23:36	10/02/2018 08:26:12	10/02/2018 08:52:24	
<u>WR Engine 2</u>	10/02/2018 08:21:47	10/02/2018 08:31:27			
<u>WR Deputy Chief</u>	10/02/2018 08:27:00	10/02/2018 08:27:02	10/02/2018 08:27:03	10/02/2018 08:51:25	

Attendees

James Davison	Captain
Paul Farrant	Firefighter
Dave Mossop	Captain
Patrick Ryan	Firefighter
Jake Bruchet	Paid On Call Firefighter
David Cameron	Paid on Call Recruit
Logan Gain	Paid on Call Recruit
Jody Nedelak	Paid On Call Firefighter
Scott Pearson	Paid on Call Recruit
Robert Schlase	Deputy Chief
Hunter Wright	Paid On Call Firefighter

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Incident Number: 19-04863
Apt/Unit: 210
Incident Address: 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK
Cross Street: VICTORIA AVE
Dispatch Type: STRUCTURE FIRE - COMMERCIAL
Incident Type: FCO Fire - Commercial/Multi Reside
Incident Begin Time: 01/23/2019 9:12:31
Incident End Time: 01/23/2019 10:12:47
Building Name:

Officer Reporting: [N]
Station Area: White Rock Hall 1
Shift: B Shift
Incident Commander: Scott
False Alarm: 0
Liability Release: 0
Drug Lab: 0
Grow Op: 0
Secondary Suite: 0
Total Injuries:
Total Manhours:
Total Manpower: 13

Bench Marks

Command Established: 01/23/2019 09:19:06
Ambulance on Scene: 01/23/2019 09:38:02
Police on Scene: 01/23/2019 09:23:11
Police File Number:
Property Ref on Scene:
Volunteers Paged: 01/23/2019 09:14:01
Duty Chief Notified:
Career Callout Initiated:
FF with Ambulance:
FF Return to Crew:
Tow Truck Notified:
Public Works Notified:
Working Fire:
1st Search Completed:
2nd Search Completed:
Loss Stopped:
Situation under Control:
Post Incident Watch Posted:
Inspector Paged:
BC Hydro on Scene:
Gas Utility on Scene:
Fire Commissioner Notified:
Ministry of Environment:
Provincial Hiways Notified:
Min. of Forests Notified:

Officer/Crew Notes

Notes: Hamilton

Incident began with E1 responding to a miscellaneous fire at 14919 Beachview ave. (incident # 19-04862). On route Sq-1 advised they were called to alarms ringing at 1153 Vidal st. and E1 determined from smoke conditions in the area (our approach down Buena Vista ave. and along Marine Dr.) that this was a duplicate incident and the reported smoke was coming from the rear of 1153 Vidal and not 14919 Beachview ave. so E1 diverted to this incident. We could see a significant amount of smoke and could smell fire on our approach and I asked for the 420 pagers to be sounded.

On scene E1 crew was met by residents of the building advising there was a burning mattress at the rear of the building. E1 established Vidal Command and Sq-1 responded to the rear of the building which could only be accessed off of Elm st. Further reports from residents indicated that the mattress possibly came from unit # 210. E1 crew investigated and found the resident of the suite removing burning blankets from the suite to the balcony and dousing them with water. A cold fire extinguisher, ventilation and tic were brought to the suite. The resident would not leave the suite as requested and was confrontational with the crew. RCMP were requested to attend. E1 crew extinguished all materials involved, ventilated the suite, checked for heat signatures with tic and photographed the scene.

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At the same time as E1 was working in the suite, the crew from Sq-1 extinguished the mattress and soaked it down in the back parking lot where it had been tossed.

Once the building was cleared of smoke the alarm panel was reset without incident and command terminated.

Time:

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01/23/2019 09:12:37 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
01/23/2019 09:12:37 Address change from BLANK Address to 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK
01/23/2019 09:12:40 Initial incident type selected 'ALARMS - NON-RES ALARMS RINGING - MR /
01/23/2019 09:13:02 will cb with PR
01/23/2019 09:13:12 Incident dispatcher Assigned: 00002
01/23/2019 09:13:12 Dispatch acknowledged incident.
01/23/2019 09:13:33 dva
01/23/2019 09:14:41 C3 on the air
01/23/2019 09:15:48 fire in unit 210
01/23/2019 09:15:56 IncidentType changed from 'ALARMS - NON-RES: ALARMS RINGING - MR /
01/23/2019 09:16:07 **Redacted S. 22**
01/23/2019 09:16:26 amb updated
01/23/2019 09:14:54 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
01/23/2019 09:14:54 Change of mapped location
01/23/2019 09:16:25 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - COMRCL: 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK'.
01/23/2019 09:16:25 Change from blank address to Change from 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK
01/23/2019 09:16:36 Unit change from: 'BLANK' to '210'
01/23/2019 09:16:44 Reportee stating all occupants Out of unit 210
01/23/2019 09:17:03 rcmp updated
01/23/2019 09:17:12 BCAS Summary--->
01/23/2019 09:17:19 The call taker took ownership of the call.
01/23/2019 09:17:20 07B02f SAFETY DIRECTION: Potential High Risk Hazard location - conduct
01/23/2019 09:17:22 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - COMRCL: 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK'.
01/23/2019 09:17:22 Change from 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK #210 to Change from 1153
01/23/2019 09:17:25 Create 600 meter perimeter around E190044617
01/23/2019 09:17:28 Significant Event - VDOC Dispatch Supervisor/Dispatch Officer notified
01/23/2019 09:19:13 E1 - Vidal Command
01/23/2019 09:19:28 Track Event Timestamp: PS Reviewed TA -Dispatch.
01/23/2019 09:19:29 report of a mattress on fire // rear side of the complex
01/23/2019 09:19:29 Track Event Timestamp: PS Reviewed HRH -Dispatch.
01/23/2019 09:15:12 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
01/23/2019 09:15:12 Change of mapped location
01/23/2019 09:19:32 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - COMRCL: 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK'.
01/23/2019 09:19:32 Change from blank address to Change from 1153 VIDAL ST, WHITE ROCK
01/23/2019 09:20:10 420 pagers activated as per E1 at 9:16
01/23/2019 09:22:22 WR hall standing by with 2
01/23/2019 09:22:46 mattress fire has been brought outside // extinguished // caused due to candle
01/23/2019 09:22:55 assisting with ventilation
01/23/2019 09:25:35 incoming members to remain on standby at the hall // currently standing by with
01/23/2019 09:28:34 ** Recommended alternate unit 254A2D for requirement BLS 12.8 min

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01/23/2019 09:35:59 Fr confirm no pt's, working fire.
01/23/2019 09:51:14 Command terminated
01/23/2019 10:12:47 Transferred from CAD

Apparatus Attending

Apparatus	Dispatch Time	On Route Time	Onscene Time	Return Service Time	Return Quarter Time/Date
<u>WR Engine 2</u>	01/23/2019 09:13:13				01/23/2019 09:38:27
<u>WR Squad 1</u>	01/23/2019 09:13:13	01/23/2019 09:18:00	01/23/2019 09:19:51	01/23/2019 09:38:24	
<u>WR Engine 1</u>	01/23/2019 09:17:40	01/23/2019 09:17:43	01/23/2019 09:18:35	01/23/2019 09:51:07	
<u>WR Deputy Chief</u>	01/23/2019 09:18:05	01/23/2019 09:18:32	01/23/2019 09:29:29	01/23/2019 10:12:44	
<u>WR Chief</u>	01/23/2019 09:18:08	01/23/2019 09:18:32	01/23/2019 09:20:35	01/23/2019 09:56:25	

Attendees

Scott Booth	Firefighter
David Cameron	Paid on Call Recruit
Logan Gain	Paid on Call Recruit
Scott Hamilton	Firefighter/Acting Captain
Chase Jones	Paid On Call Firefighter
Phil Lemire	Fire Chief
Rajdeep Mangat	Paid On Call Firefighter
Connor McMahon	Firefighter
Ken Molland	Firefighter
Jody Nedelak	Paid On Call Firefighter
David Peters	Paid On Call Firefighter
Patrick Ryan	Firefighter
Ed Wolfe	Deputy Chief



FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

FOR

**INCIDENT:
CWR 2019012309**

**#210 – 1153 VIDAL ST.
WHITE ROCK**



THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
15315 PACIFIC AVENUE, WHITE ROCK, BC V4B 1R1

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

TEL 604.541.2121 FAX 604.541.2120

FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR: CWR 2019012309

INVESTIGATED BY: ED WOLFE

LOCATION: UNIT 201 – 1153 VIDAL STREET, WHITE ROCK

DATE OF FIRE: JANUARY 23, 2019 **TIME FIRE DEPT RECEIVED CALL: 09:12:31**

DATE OF INVESTIGATION:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- A. AREA OF ORIGIN: MASTER BEDROOM
- B. POINT OF ORIGIN: TOP OF BED, SOUTH WEST CORNER OF MATTRESS.
- C. IGNITING OBJECT: CANDLE
- D. FORM OF HEAT: DIRECT FLAME
- E. MATERIAL FIRST IGNITED: COTTON BED SHEETS
- F. ACT OR OMISSION: HUMAN FAILING: ASLEEP – SUSPECTED USE OF ALCOHOL.

OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: RCMP



THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK

15315 PACIFIC AVENUE, WHITE ROCK, BC V4B 1R1

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR: CWR 2019012309

BACKGROUND: ON JANUARY 23 AT 09:12 WRFR WAS DISPATCHED TO A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE AT 1153 VIDAL ST. UPON ARRIVAL THE FIRE DEPT. CREW RECEIVED WORD FROM RESIDENTS THAT THERE WAS A MATTRESS ON FIRE AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING AND THAT IT CAME FROM UNIT # 210. THE CREW PROCEEDED TO UNIT # 210 AND ENCOUNTERED RESIDENT [Redacted S. 22] REMOVING BURNING BEDDING FROM THE UNIT. HE WAS BRINGING IT OUT THE FRONT DOOR TO THE EXTERIOR CORRIDOR OF THE SECOND FLOOR. HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO DOUSE THE FLAMES WITH WATER THAT OBTAINED FROM THE SUITE. HE HAD ALREADY THROWN THE MATTRESS FROM THE SECOND FLOOR CORRIDOR TO THE PARKING LOT BELOW. A NEIGHBORING RESIDENT FROM UNIT [Redacted S. 22] ASSISTED IN EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMES BY DISCHARGING TWO 5LB DRY CHEMICAL EXTINGUISHERS ONTO THE MATTRESS AND BEDDING PRIOR TO FIRE DEPT. ARRIVAL. THE CREW VENTILATED THE UNIT AND CHECKED FOR FIRE EXTENSION. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT THERE THREE OCCUPANTS IN THE UNIT: [Redacted S. 22] AND [Redacted S. 22]. THERE WERE NO INJURIES REPORTED AND NO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE SUSTAINED DUE TO THE INCIDENT.

STRUCTURE: 1153 VIDAL IS A THREE STOREY 33 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTED IN 1996. IT HAS A FLAT TORCH ON ROOF, VINYL CLAD SIDING AND ELECTRIC HEAT.

INVESTIGATION FINDING: THE AREA OF ORIGIN WAS THE MASTER BEDROOM OF UNIT # 210. THE POINT OF ORIGIN WAS AT THE FOOT OF THE BED, ON TOP OF THE MATTRESS AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER. THE BED WAS POSITIONED AGAINST THE WEST WALL OF THE MASTER BEDROOM, WITH THE FOOT OF THE BED BEING APPROX. FOUR FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE BEDROOM. THE MATTRESS ITSELF HAD MOST MASS LOSS AT THE SOUTH WEST END SITUATED AT THE FOOT OF THE BED. MASS LOSS EXTENDED TO FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MATTRESS. A CIRCULAR BURN PATTERN APPROX. ONE FOOT ROUND WAS PRESENT ON THE WEST WALL OF THE MASTER BEDROOM, APPROX. ONE FOOT FROM THE FOOT OF THE BED AND ONE FOOT ABOVE THE MATTRESS.

THERE WAS A NIGHTSTAND LOCATED AT THE FOOT OF THE BED AGAINST THE WEST WALL OF THE SUITE. INVESTIGATION REVEALED A CANDLE PRESENT ON TOP OF THE NIGHT STAND. THE RESIDENT CLAIMED HE LIT THE CANDLE BEFORE GOING TO BED. THE CANDLE WAS THE ONLY VIABLE IGNITION SOURCE AT THE POINT OF ORIGIN.

SUMMARY: THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE HUMAN FAILING: ASLEEP – SUSPECTED USE OF ALCOHOL.

THE FIRE WAS MOST LIKELY CAUSED BY BEDDING ON THE MATTRESS COMING INTO CONTACT WITH THE LIT CANDLE LOCATED ON THE NIGHTSTAND. THE RESIDENT WAS ASLEEP IN BED AT THE TIME AND WOKE UP DUE TO FEELING HEAT ON HIS LEGS AND FEET.

THE RESIDENT [Redacted S. 22] ADMITTED TO LIGHTING THE CANDLE LOCATED ON THE NIGHT STAND IN THE MASTER BEDROOM BEFORE FALLING ASLEEP. [Redacted S. 22] ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN DRINKING PRIOR TO LIGHTING THE CANDLE AND GOING TO BED. BURN PATTERNS PRESENT AT THE POINT OF ORIGIN ALONG WITH WITNESS STATEMENTS CORROBORATE INVESTIGATION FINDINGS.

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF ED WOLFE, LAFC #2685

Photos and drawings for this report are in the file and on the computer for this incident.