

October 26, 2021

FOI No: 2021-37

VIA E-MAIL – **Redacted**

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Dear **Redacted**

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

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

- *Re: 1350 Maple Street, White Rock – White Rock Fire Department Incident # 20-62157*
  - *fire investigation incident reports, photographs, field notes and other documents pertaining to the above incident.*

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

The severed information is excepted from disclosure under section 22 of the Act. Severing is 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  
P: 604.541.2212 | F: 604.541.9348

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

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**Incident Number:** 20-62157  
**Apt/Unit**  
**Incident Address:** 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK  
**Cross Street:** THRIFT AVE  
**Dispatch Type** STRUCTURE FIRE - RESIDENTIAL  
**Incident Type:** FRE Fire - Residential  
**Incident Begin Time:** 11/20/2020 16:06:53  
**Incident End Time:** 11/20/2020 19:45:45  
**Building Name:**

**Officer Reporting:** [N ]  
**Station Area:** White Rock Hall 1  
**Shift:** C Shift  
**Incident Commander:** [N ]  
**False Alarm:** 0  
**Liability Release:** 0  
**Drug Lab:** 0  
**Grow Op:** 0  
**Secondary Suite:** 0  
**Total Injuries:**  
**Total Manhours:**  
**Total Manpower:** 23

## Bench Marks

**Command Established:** 11/20/2020 16:13:21  
**Ambulance on Scene:** 11/20/2020 16:28:58  
**Police on Scene:** 11/20/2020 16:28:59  
**Police File Number:**  
**Property Ref on Scene:**  
**Volunteers Paged:** 11/20/2020 16:08:36  
**Duty Chief Notified:** 11/20/2020 16:28:46  
**Career Callout Initiated:**  
**FF with Ambulance:**  
**FF Return to Crew:**  
**Tow Truck Notified:**  
**Public Works Notified:**  
**Working Fire:** 11/20/2020 16:14:23  
**1st Search Completed:** 11/20/2020 16:54:34  
**2nd Search Completed:** 11/20/2020 16:54:36  
**Loss Stopped:** 11/20/2020 16:37:43  
**Situation under Control:**  
**Post Incident Watch Posted:** 11/20/2020 17:33:22  
**Inspector Paged:**  
**BC Hydro on Scene:** 11/20/2020 17:26:23  
**Gas Utility on Scene:** 11/20/2020 17:05:10  
**Fire Commisioner Notified:**  
**Ministry of Environment:**  
**Provincial Hiways Notified:**  
**Min. of Forests Notified:**

## Officer/Crew Notes

Notes: CA Smith

Dispatched for a structure fire in a garage with possibly a person in the shed.

Upon arrival E1 crew could see a significant amount of black smoke and flame coming from the backyard of the property. Command was established and a fully involved shed/ resident suite was broadcast.

IC Smith completed a 360 and evacuated the house to the North, the main house and gathered information about the missing person. The resident of the property was unable to deny or confirm that there was a victim in the shed/ make shift resident suite.

FF McMahon secured a water supply line for E1 from Roper and Maple.

FF Armstrong advanced a 200Ft 1 3/4" attack line along the North "b" side of the property to action the fire.

FF Meneghin advanced a 200Ft 2 1/2" attack line along the same side to action the fire.

FF Ryan and Debeck upon their arrival advanced a 200ft 1 3/4" attack line along the same side to action the South "c d" side of the structure on fire and assist FF Armstrong.

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Fire ops were declared on scene as defensive only. A search was only completed with the TIC from the exterior of the structure. No entry was possible due the structure being fully involved. Information from the resident was sketchy at best and he and his family were turned over to RCMP for further Intel about the possible victim. RCMP were unable to confirm from the information that a person wasn't in the shed but were fairly confident from info gathered that there was "not" anyone in the shed.

Command was assumed by DC1 and IC assumed Operations section in the back yard.

The fire was broadcast as struck at 16:37.

Primary and secondary search was broadcast at 16:54

Crews were unable to complete any thorough victim search until the fire had been extinguished.

E1 cleared the scene and DC1 was left in command.

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Time:

Dispatch Notes

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11/20/2020 19:45:45 Transferred from CAD

11/20/2020 18:44:08 rcmp will remain on scene and WRE2 will be there till about 19:30

11/20/2020 17:52:24 Incident with Reference 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST, SURREY' and ID

11/20/2020 17:39:45 rcmp updated [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST, SURREY'

11/20/2020 17:39:29 stood down bcas [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST,

11/20/2020 17:39:22 fire in a fireplace / no structure involved and nothing else found / crews clearing

11/20/2020 17:35:08 caller originally just saw flames through the trees and thought it was coming

11/20/2020 17:34:56 caller advised it appears this was a bbq at a house on the west side of 160,

11/20/2020 17:34:12 access is likely alder place [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160

11/20/2020 17:31:09 nothing showing [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST,

11/20/2020 17:30:59 WRE2 remaining on scene for firewatch

11/20/2020 17:30:41 command terminated

11/20/2020 17:27:58 call was originally downstreamed from ambulance [Merged from Incident 'STR

11/20/2020 17:27:56 crews updated [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST,

11/20/2020 17:26:52 caller is now advising no fire [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670

11/20/2020 17:26:36 caller advises they believe it might just be a bbq [Merged from Incident 'STR

11/20/2020 17:26:05 on the other side of 160 [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160

11/20/2020 17:25:58 amb advised [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST, SURREY'

11/20/2020 17:25:50 bc1 adv [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST, SURREY' with

11/20/2020 17:25:43 rcmp adv [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST, SURREY'

11/20/2020 17:25:33 caller thinks it's a house, there is a lot of trees in front of callers house [Merged

11/20/2020 17:25:22 amb advised [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST, SURREY'

11/20/2020 17:25:09 across from this address [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160

11/20/2020 17:25:06 SBC1: Dispatch message received. [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES:

11/20/2020 17:25:06 SE14: Dispatch message received. [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES:

11/20/2020 17:25:06 SQ17: Dispatch message received. [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES:

11/20/2020 17:25:06 SE13: Dispatch message received. [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES:

11/20/2020 17:25:04 Incident dispatcher Assigned: 00314 [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES:

11/20/2020 17:25:04 Dispatch acknowledged incident. [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670

11/20/2020 17:24:57 Initial incident type selected 'STR FIRE - RES STRUCTURE FIRE -

11/20/2020 17:24:40 sees flames coming out of a structure across the street [Merged from Incident

11/20/2020 17:24:31 across from [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160 ST, SURREY'

11/20/2020 17:24:28 Address change from BLANK Address to 1670 160 ST, SURREY [Merged from

11/20/2020 17:24:19 Change of mapped location [Merged from Incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1670 160

11/20/2020 17:07:00 e4 are w 2

11/20/2020 17:01:04 Incident with Reference 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK' and

11/20/2020 17:00:12 confirmed no pts / crews updated on scene

11/20/2020 16:56:37 Dispatch viewed Alert details.

11/20/2020 16:55:18 CANCEL Request sent to PTCC

11/20/2020 16:54:51 Dispatch viewed Alert details. [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350

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11/20/2020 16:54:47 primary and secondary search complete  
11/20/2020 16:37:34 fire struck  
11/20/2020 16:28:41 hall 1 has 6 members standing by  
11/20/2020 16:28:26 C2 in command / opps through capt smith on the C side  
11/20/2020 16:28:22 viewed alerts  
11/20/2020 16:28:18 Dispatch viewed Alert details.  
11/20/2020 16:28:13 fortis eta 20 minutes  
11/20/2020 16:27:56 FD still searching for pts  
11/20/2020 16:23:56 WR Hall 1 has 3 standing by first aid and driver  
11/20/2020 16:22:05 hydro eta 30-45 min  
11/20/2020 16:21:37 hydro and fortis req  
11/20/2020 16:19:49 Linked to incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'. [Merged  
11/20/2020 16:19:49 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK  
11/20/2020 16:18:50 IC at the back of E1  
11/20/2020 16:18:19 SQ1 with 4  
11/20/2020 16:15:37 FD@ confirmed house fire - no pt updates  
11/20/2020 16:15:29 possibly someone in the shed  
11/20/2020 16:14:53 4x bcas enr  
11/20/2020 16:14:50 Linked to incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'. [Merged  
11/20/2020 16:14:50 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK  
11/20/2020 16:14:48 4x bcas enr [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE  
11/20/2020 16:14:33 Linked to incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'. [Merged  
11/20/2020 16:14:33 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK  
11/20/2020 16:14:32 280ADp, 280ADc, HELI1 paged for a STAGE  
11/20/2020 16:14:21 updated bcas working fire  
11/20/2020 16:13:54 STAGE Request sent to PTCC  
11/20/2020 16:13:52 Change of mapped location [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350  
11/20/2020 16:13:52 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT' [Merged from  
11/20/2020 16:13:36 fire in the backyard is fully involved  
11/20/2020 16:12:50 rcmp advised  
11/20/2020 16:12:39 rcmp req at roper and maple  
11/20/2020 16:12:38 Create 200 meter perimeter around E200665591  
11/20/2020 16:11:37 Linked to incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'. [Merged  
11/20/2020 16:11:37 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK  
11/20/2020 16:11:31 Change of mapped location [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350  
11/20/2020 16:11:31 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT' [Merged from  
11/20/2020 16:11:26 Change of mapped location [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350  
11/20/2020 16:11:26 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT' [Merged from  
11/20/2020 16:11:25 410 420 page  
11/20/2020 16:11:25 (the missing friend is **Redacted S. 22**) - he saw the friend go in and

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11/20/2020 16:11:23 Notify Timestamp: Duty Supervisor/Mgr Notified - timer started.

11/20/2020 16:11:15 Track Event Timestamp: PS Reviewed TA/HRH-Dispatch.

11/20/2020 16:11:12 Track Event Timestamp: PS Reviewed Clinical -Dispatch.

11/20/2020 16:11:07 updated rcmp that they are definitely needed to atend

11/20/2020 16:10:49 Notify Timestamp: Duty Supervisor/Mgr Notified.

11/20/2020 16:10:42 Change of mapped location [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350

11/20/2020 16:10:42 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT' [Merged from

11/20/2020 16:10:35 IncidentType changed from 'MESA-C: MESA-C' to 'MESA\_NoResp: MESA - No

11/20/2020 16:10:35 The incident type was changed to 'MESA\_NoResp: MESA - No Response' from

11/20/2020 16:10:32 Incident dispatcher Assigned: 00003 [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp:

11/20/2020 16:10:32 Dispatch acknowledged incident. [Merged from Incident 'MESA\_NoResp: 1350

11/20/2020 16:10:29 Linked to incident 'MESA-C: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'. [Merged from

11/20/2020 16:10:29 Change from 15659 THRIFT AVE, WHITE ROCK to Change from 1350

11/20/2020 16:10:27 FR is responding

11/20/2020 16:10:18 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.

11/20/2020 16:10:18 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK

11/20/2020 16:10:17 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT' [Merged from

11/20/2020 16:10:16 The call taker took ownership of the call. [Merged from Incident

11/20/2020 16:10:15 07C01f SAFETY DIRECTION: Possible HRH Location - Conduct hazard risk

11/20/2020 16:10:13 E1 adv

11/20/2020 16:10:10 Significant Event - VDOC Dispatch Supervisor/Dispatch Officer notified

11/20/2020 16:10:09 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.

11/20/2020 16:10:09 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK

11/20/2020 16:10:06 BCAS Summary-->

11/20/2020 16:10:04 Change of mapped location

11/20/2020 16:10:04 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'

11/20/2020 16:09:57 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.

11/20/2020 16:09:57 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK

11/20/2020 16:09:56 Change of mapped location

11/20/2020 16:09:56 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'

11/20/2020 16:09:42 Change of mapped location

11/20/2020 16:09:42 Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'

11/20/2020 16:09:25 caller advices his friend was living in there

11/20/2020 16:09:21 rcmp adv

11/20/2020 16:09:16 amb advised

11/20/2020 16:09:09 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.

11/20/2020 16:09:09 Change from 1340 FINLAY ST, WHITE ROCK to Change from 1350 MAPLE

11/20/2020 16:09:01 Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.

11/20/2020 16:09:01 Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK

11/20/2020 16:08:57 Change of mapped location

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11/20/2020 16:08:57	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
11/20/2020 16:08:56	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
11/20/2020 16:08:54	caller advises full smoke and flames
11/20/2020 16:08:51	Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.
11/20/2020 16:08:51	Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK
11/20/2020 16:08:49	Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.
11/20/2020 16:08:49	Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK
11/20/2020 16:08:44	Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.
11/20/2020 16:08:44	Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK to Change from 1350 MAPLE
11/20/2020 16:08:42	Change of mapped location
11/20/2020 16:08:42	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
11/20/2020 16:08:33	Change of mapped location
11/20/2020 16:08:33	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
11/20/2020 16:08:31	Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.
11/20/2020 16:08:31	Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK
11/20/2020 16:08:22	*****caller advises his friend is inside....the garage
11/20/2020 16:08:15	Change of mapped location
11/20/2020 16:08:15	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
11/20/2020 16:08:10	Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.
11/20/2020 16:08:10	Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK
11/20/2020 16:08:07	multiple calls
11/20/2020 16:07:58	caller advises the garage is fire
11/20/2020 16:07:54	Change of mapped location
11/20/2020 16:07:54	The department responsible was changed from 'SURREY FIRE
11/20/2020 16:07:48	Linked to incident 'STR FIRE - RES: 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK'.
11/20/2020 16:07:48	Change from blank address to Change from 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK
11/20/2020 16:07:38	Change of mapped location
11/20/2020 16:07:38	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
11/20/2020 16:07:34	Incident dispatcher Assigned: 00314
11/20/2020 16:07:34	Dispatch acknowledged incident.
11/20/2020 16:07:29	Address change from BLANK Address to 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK
11/20/2020 16:07:26	Initial incident type selected 'STR FIRE - RES STRUCTURE FIRE -
11/20/2020 16:07:22	Address change from BLANK Address to 1350 MAPLE ST, WHITE ROCK
11/20/2020 16:07:10	Change of mapped location
11/20/2020 16:07:10	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'
11/20/2020 16:06:54	Change of mapped location
11/20/2020 16:06:54	Department assigned 'WHITE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT'

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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>	11/20/2020 16:07:34	11/20/2020 16:09:54	11/20/2020 16:13:24	11/20/2020 17:20:48	
<u>WR Engine 2</u>	11/20/2020 16:07:34	11/20/2020 16:15:01	11/20/2020 16:20:35	11/20/2020 19:45:34	
<u>WR 410</u>	11/20/2020 16:08:07				11/20/2020 16:10:28
<u>WR 420</u>	11/20/2020 16:10:25				11/20/2020 16:14:55
<u>WR 410</u>	11/20/2020 16:10:31				11/20/2020 16:14:53
<u>WR Deputy Chief</u>	11/20/2020 16:11:41	11/20/2020 16:11:43	11/20/2020 16:14:03	11/20/2020 17:33:17	
<u>WR Squad 1</u>	11/20/2020 16:18:07	11/20/2020 16:18:09	11/20/2020 16:20:33	11/20/2020 17:29:54	
<u>WR Chief</u>	11/20/2020 16:20:15	11/20/2020 16:20:16	11/20/2020 16:27:29	11/20/2020 17:24:08	
<u>WR Deputy Chief</u>	11/20/2020 16:42:45	11/20/2020 16:44:01	11/20/2020 17:12:15	11/20/2020 17:12:16	
<u>WR Engine 1</u>	11/20/2020 19:28:50	11/20/2020 19:28:51	11/20/2020 19:28:52	11/20/2020 19:36:54	

## Attendees

Jacob Amisano	Paid On Call Firefighter
Michael Armstrong	Firefighter
Mike Bancroft	Firefighter
Bira Bindra	Firefighter
Cooper DeBeck	Paid On Call Firefighter
Samantha Dion	Paid On Call Firefighter
Kyle Dion	Paid On Call Firefighter
Paul Farrant	Firefighter
Scott Hamilton	Captain
Connor McMahon	Firefighter
Ken Molland	Deputy Chief
Devon Montgomery	Paid On Call Firefighter
Dave Mossop	Firefighter
Mike Passas	Firefighter
Scott Pearson	Paid On Call Firefighter
Darren Phillips	Paid On Call Firefighter
Patrick Ryan	Firefighter
Doug Smith	Captain
Jarrett Smith	Paid On Call Firefighter

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Michael Stenerson

Paid On Call Firefighter

Brandon Wilson

Paid On Call Firefighter

Ed Wolfe

Deputy Chief

Norm MacLeod

Deputy Chief

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# **FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**FOR**

**INCIDENT:  
CWR 2020 11 20 16**

**1350 MAPLE STREET  
WHITE ROCK**



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

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FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

TEL 604.541.2121 FAX 604.541.2120

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**FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR: CWR 2020 11 20 16**

**INVESTIGATED BY: FIRE CHIEF ED WOLFE & DEPUTY CHIEF KEN MOLLAND**

**LOCATION: 1350 MAPLE STREET**

**DATE OF FIRE: NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 TIME FIRE DEPT RECEIVED CALL: 16:06:53**

**DATE OF INVESTIGATION: NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020**

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:**

- A. AREA OF ORIGIN: SHED AT REAR OF PROPERTY
- B. POINT OF ORIGIN: NORTHWEST AREA OF INTERIOR ROOM
- C. IGNITING OBJECT: UNDETERMINED
- D. FORM OF HEAT: UNDETERMINED
- E. MATERIAL FIRST IGNITED: CHAIR
- F. ACT OR OMISSION: UNDETERMINED

**OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: RCMP FILE # 20-6202**



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**

**BACKGROUND:** ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 AT APPROXIMATELY 16:06 HOURS, WRFR WAS DISPATCHED TO A STRUCTURE FIRE AT 1350 MAPLE STREET IN WHITE ROCK, B.C. DISPATCH STATED, THE INITIAL CALLER FROM THE RESIDENCE ADVISED GARAGE IS ON FIRE AND A FRIEND MAY BE INSIDE THE STRUCTURE. WHITE ROCK ENGINE 1 ARRIVED ON MAPLE STREET AND REPORTED A FULLY INVOLVED STRUCTURE FIRE AT THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY. WRE1 LAID A 4 INCH SUPPLY LINE FROM THE HYDRANT. COMMAND WAS ESTABLISHED AND DECLARED A DEFENSIVE ATTACK STRATEGY. A 1 ¾ INCH & A 2 ½ INCH ATTACK LINE WERE DEPLOYED AND WATER APPLIED TO THE FIRE COMPARTMENT FROM THE EXTERIOR ALPHA AND DELTA SIDES OF THE SHED. THE INCIDENT COMMANDER SPOKE WITH THE RESIDENT OF THE MAIN HOUSE WHO CONFIRMED THE SHED WAS BEING USED AS A RESIDENTIAL SUITE FOR ONE TENANT. FROM THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE, THE ATTACK CREW COMPLETED AN INTERIOR SURVEY OF THE FIRE COMPARTMENT USING A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA AND REPORTED NOTHING FOUND. RCMP WERE ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE TENANT OF THE SHED AND CONFIRMED HE WAS IN ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY AND NOT ON THE PROPERTY. THE FIRE WAS STRUCK AND LOSS STOPPED AT 16:37. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SEARCHES WERE COMPLETED AND ALL CLEAR AT 16:54.

THE TENANT OF THE MAIN HOUSE, **Redacted S. 22** WAS THE INITIAL CALLER TO 911. **Redacted S. 22** STATED HE WAS LETTING A FRIEND STAY IN THE FURNISHED SHED FOR A FEW DAYS. SHORTLY BEFORE THE FIRE, **Redacted S. 22** HAD AN ARGUMENT WITH THE TENANT OF THE SHED. AT APPROXIMATELY 16:00 HOURS, **Redacted S. 22** WAS IN THE KITCHEN OF THE MAIN HOUSE THAT FACES EAST. FROM THE WINDOW HE SAW SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE SOUTH WINDOWS OF THE SHED. **Redacted S. 22** RAN OUTSIDE AND OPENED THE DOOR TO THE SHED TO SEE FLAMES COMING FROM THE TOP OF THE FURNISHINGS LOCATED ON THE NORTH WALL OF THE SHED. **Redacted S. 22** COULD NOT SEE TO THE BACK OF THE SHED DUE TO HEAVY SMOKE. HE CALLED FOR HIS FRIEND BUT HEARD NO RESPONSE AT WHICH TIME HE CALLED 911 TO REPORT THE FIRE. **Redacted S. 22** STATED HE HAD LEFT THE DOOR TO THE SHED OPEN WHEN HE WENT TO CALL 911.

**STRUCTURE:** 15' X 30' SINGLE-STOREY WOOD FRAMED SHED DETACHED FROM THE HOUSE AND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY. THE EXTERIOR WALL WAS VINYL SIDING OVER TAR PAPER ON SHIP-LAP BOARD. INTERIOR WALLS WERE COVERED WITH A WOOD FIBREBOARD SHEETING. INTERIOR CEILING RAFTERS WERE UNPROTECTED AND ROOF WAS COVERED WITH ASPHALT SHINGLE.

**INVESTIGATION FINDING:** THE AREA OF ORIGIN WAS THE SINGLE INTERIOR ROOM OF THE SHED. THE POINT OF ORIGIN WAS NEAR THE FLOOR AREA ALONG THE NORTH WALL APPROXIMATELY 7 FEET EAST OF THE ENTRY DOORS AND 3 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHERN WALL. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH HEAVY CHARRING AND MASS LOSS OF A CHAIR AND OTTOMAN SITUATED IN THIS AREA. THE POINT OF ORIGIN WAS FURTHER DETERMINED BY A "V" PATTERN MASS LOSS OF THE FIBREBOARD WALL PANELLING ON THE NORTH WALL. THE OTTOMAN AND THE CHAIR BOTH HAD MORE MASS LOSS ON THE TOP SIDES INDICATING THEY HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF HEAT FOR THE LONGEST DURATION OF TIME. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WITH THE WITNESS STATEMENT OF **Redacted S. 22**.

THERE WAS ONE POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCE NEAR THE POINT OF ORIGIN. AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET LOCATED ON THE NORTH WALL APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET ABOVE THE FLOOR SURFACE. THE OUTLET HAD TWO CORDS PLUGGED INTO IT. ONE CORD SERVICED LIGHTS HANGING FROM THE CEILING AREA AND THE OTHER CORD SERVICED A POWER BAR. AFTER EXAMINING ALL CORDS, PRONGS, AND DEVICES, THIS OUTLET WAS RULED OUT AS A POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCE DUE TO THE FACT IT SHOWED NO SIGNS OF ARCING, ALL PRONGS WERE CLEAN WHEN REMOVED AND EXAMINED, AND NO DEVICES ENERGIZED BY THIS OUTLET WERE AT THE POINT OF ORIGIN.

**SUMMARY:** THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNDETERMINED. RCMP ARE INVESTIGATING FOR A POSSIBLE INCENDIARY ACT. WITNESS AND FIREFIGHTER STATEMENTS CORROBORATE THE INVESTIGATION FINDINGS.

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