

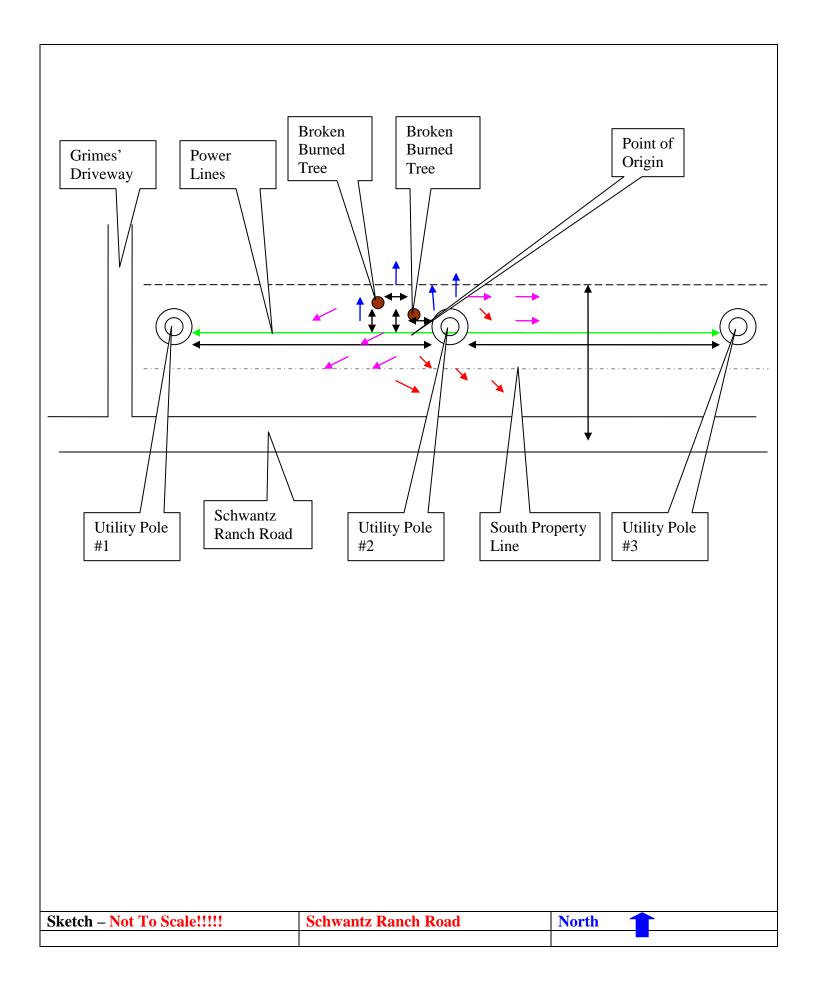
## TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

### FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

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Dispatch Zone: Central Branch Local				ation: Bastrop		County: Bastrop			State: Tx.		
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PART II	PART II – EVENT SEQUENCE										
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	X	Children		No evidence of children near area of origin							
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	X Lightning				No thunderstorms/lightning reported by National Weather Service						
	X Smoking				No evidence located at point of origin						
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PART VII - WEATHER											
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Sketch Legend for 258 Charlois Dr.
Measurements are denoted by double arrow:
Transmission Line Right-of-Way = Approx. 100' in width Fell dead tree stump from west property line = Approx. 23'6" Tree stump to standing dead tree = Approx. 12' Fell dead tree stump from north edge of power line easement = Approx. 40' Power line easement width = Approx. 30' NW corner of residence to transformer utility pole = Approx. 51' Length of fell dead tree = Approx. 65' to 70' Distance between utility poles = Approx. 465'
Fire Directional Movement Indicators
Denotes forward movement:
Denotes lateral or flanking movement:
Denotes backing movement:



### **Sketch Legend for Schwantz Ranch Road**

Measurements are denoted by double arrow:

Distance between utility poles = Approx. 350'

Distance between eastern most broken tree and power line = Approx. 6'

Distance between western most broken tree and power line = Approx. 8' to 12'

Distance between broken trees = Approx. 6' to 8'

Distance between eastern most broken tree and utility pole #2 = Approx. 8'

### Fire Directional Movement Indicators

Denotes forward movement: →

Denotes lateral or flanking movement:

Denotes backing movement:

# FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT CHECKLIST

	Fire Name Date of Incider								
Bastrop	Comple	ex Fire	09/04/11						
Yes	No								
X		1.	Request Dispatch Log, Weather Reports, Maps						
X		2.	Process Fire Scene						
X		3.	Take Photographs						
X		4.	Obtain Statements (written or oral)						
X		5.	Fire Investigation Report						
X		6.	Sketch						
	X	7.	Seize Evidence						
	X	8.	Issue Citation						
X		9.	Complete All Relevant Forms						
	X	10.	Forward Completed Case File to Appropriate Court						
		11.	Other:						
		12.	Other:						
		13.	Other:						
		14.	Other:						
Yes	No		Forms						
X		1.	Fire Investigation Report						
X		2.	Statement Forms						
X		3.	Photograph Log – Photos downloaded to CD						
	X	4.	Evidence Inventory Form						
	X	5.	Citation						
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### INVESTIGATION REPORT

### **SYNOPSIS**

On September 4, 2011, a wildfire began in Bastrop County, Texas and subsequently burned approximately 34,000 acres and destroyed approximately 1,500 homes and out-buildings. Due to significant damage and destruction caused by this fire, TFS Investigators Garry Parton and David Colton were assigned to examine the fire origin area(s) in order to determine the possible cause of the fire.

On September 5, 2011, TFS Investigators Parton and Colton made a preliminary examination of one of two areas of origin. This first area that was examined was located at 258 Charlois Drive, Bastrop, Texas. While able to identify a probable area of origin at this location, burn pattern indicators in and around this area of origin, as well as the surrounding area, indicated that another fire had began further north of this location and had burned up to and into this location. Investigators were, however, able to form an opinion that the fire at this location was in all likelihood the result of a standing, dead pine tree falling across and coming in contact with electric power lines.

Investigators then began following burn pattern indicators that led to the area of Schwantz Ranch Road. Schwantz Ranch Road was a narrow sandy road and investigators observed fire suppression equipment on Schwantz Ranch Road. Investigators did observe that this area appeared to be near the heel or rear of the fire. Due to the fading daylight and the possibility of meeting other fire suppression equipment on the narrow road, investigators decided to return date to the Schwantz Ranch Road location.

On September 6, 2011, investigators returned to the area of Schwantz Ranch Road. By viewing burn pattern indicators, investigators did locate the heel or rear of the fire on Schwantz Ranch Road. Investigators were able to identify a specific area of origin at this location and were able to form an opinion that the fire at this location was in all likelihood the result of a tree coming into contact with overhead power lines. This report details the results of Parton's origin and cause investigation and Parton's conclusions as to the specific cause(s) of the Bastrop Complex Fire.

### **DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION**

### **Briefing Meeting between Parton and Mike Fisher**

Upon arrival in Bastrop, Texas on Monday, September 5, 2011, Parton met with Mike Fisher, Bastrop County Emergency Management Coordinator at the Incident Command Post (ICP) for a briefing. During the briefing, Fisher advised Parton that he believed that there were two different points of origins for this fire. Fisher advised that this fire began at approximately 14:30 hours on Sunday, September 4, 2011.

Fisher advised that Bastrop County Sheriff's Office had received a 911 call from the area of Circle D Country Acres sub-division concerning a fire and that he had been informed of a second reported fire start off of East US Hwy. 290, but did not know the exact location of that fire. Parton requested and was provided a copy of the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office dispatcher log in an effort to learn the specific location of any 911 calls made reporting either of these two fires. Fisher further advised that he believed that these two fires had burned together and had become one fire.

### **Probable Weather Conditions at the Fire Origin**

Parton attempted to obtain weather information for the time frame that these fires were reported. Parton was unable to obtain any specific weather information and was only able to find out that the wind was supposedly out of the north and northwest and was at times estimated to be gusting around 35-40 mph. Parton was also advised that the humidity was estimated to be approximately 20% and that the temperature was approximately 100 degrees.

As indicated above, Parton was only able to obtain estimated oral information concerning weather. Parton did review data taken from the Bastrop, Texas RAWS location, but was unable to print the data at that time. Even though the weather information did not provide actual weather readings at either of the fire's origin at the estimated time of ignition, it did provide data that could be used to estimate a range of probable conditions.

The data taken from the Bastrop, Texas RAWS at 14:08 hours for September 4, 2011 reflected the following conditions:

Relative Humidity: 22% Wind Direction: North Wind Speed: 12 mph Wind Gust: 31 mph

Temperature: 99.0 degrees

This data reflects the probable range of weather conditions at the scene of the fire, with the exception of the wind direction. Based on both the information received from Mike Fisher and foliage freeze indicators at the scene, the wind direction after the time of ignition varied between north and northwest.

Based on this data, the fire weather conditions were hot and dry, with a strong north to northwest wind with higher gust. With these weather conditions, fuels would be susceptible to a wide variety of ignition sources. Probability of ignition under these conditions was estimated to be approximately 90%.

# Preliminary Origin & Cause Determination 258 Charlois Drive, Bastrop, Texas

On Monday, September 5, 2011, TFS Investigators Garry Parton and David Colton responded to the scene of the Bastrop Complex Fire where investigators conducted a preliminary origin and cause investigation. Based on information received from Bastrop County Emergency

Management Coordinator Mike Fisher, there were two different reports of a fire and both reports were made from different areas. The first report of a fire was made from a 911 call at 258 Charlois Drive. Based on preliminary investigation, Parton believed that this fire was most likely due to a standing, dead pine tree falling across overhead power lines and causing power lines to also come into contact with the ground.

### Fuels and Topography (258 Charlois Dr.)

The general origin area at 258 Charlois Drive was located in a stand of pine trees adjacent to a power line easement. This area was relatively flat. Surface fuels were a mixture of light short grass understory and timber litter. The grass understory was not continuous, but the timber litter was more abundant. The canopy was partially closed, resulting in more than 50% of the understory being in shade.

### **Origin Determination (258 Charlois Drive)**

Parton began the origin determination by walking around the perimeter of the general origin area. This area had not been physically secured since the day of the fire. The area did not have indications of suppression activity within the general origin area. There were indications that a vehicle, such as a fire suppression unit or electrical repair unit had driven down the power line easement in a westerly direction.

Upon proceeding around the perimeter, Parton observed numerous macro-scale fire directional indicators, consisting of angle of char on trees and vertical fuels and foliage freeze. These indicators corroborated the boundary of the general origin area. They also delineated a significant run of forward fire spread that traveled from the power line easement in a south and southeast direction. Parton also observed numerous macro-scale fire direction indicators, consisting of angle of char on trees and vertical fuels and foliage freeze on the north, northwest, and northeast area at and around the general area of origin. These indicators delineated a significant run of forward fire, encroaching the general area of origin from the north and northeast.

Parton continued observing fire directional indicators along and in a westerly direction, down the power line easement, toward the rear of the property. Near the rear of the property, Parton observed where a tree had fallen in a southerly direction, striking overhead power lines and causing the power lines to fall. At this location, Parton observed a broken tree stump approximately 6 – 8 feet in height. Burned remains of the fell tree were clearly visible. Further viewing of the remaining stump indicated that the tree was a standing dead tree. Three other trees in close proximity were also standing dead trees. By using available fire directional indicators and personal observations, Parton determined that this area was the fire's most probable point of origin. A Fire Scene Diagram was made.

### **Determination of Specific Fire Cause (258 Charlois Drive)**

Due to the location of the fire's probable origin, the lack of recovery of any ignition source and the hot and dry conditions, a number of possible ignition sources had to be considered. The following section examines the standard cause categories and explains how the final determination of cause was arrived at.

Railroad: Excluded. There was no railroad near the origin area.

**Lightning:** Excluded. No detected lightning strikes in the area. Further, with the hot, dry and windy conditions and the fire origin's closeness to numerous residences, a holdover fire from the last recorded lighting strike would have been detected well before the occurrence of the Bastrop Complex Fire. Additionally, there were no physical signs of a lightning strike on nearby trees or on the ground at the origin area.

**Campfire:** Excluded. The location of the origin is not typical of a place where someone would be likely to kindle a campfire. A campfire leaves physical remains in the form of coals and partially burned fuels that are easily recognizable due to their volume and arrangement. Campfires are usually built within the confines of a rock ring and often contain partially burned trash remnants. No evidence of any of these indicators was present at the origin.

**Equipment use:** Excluded. Equipment use covers a wide variety of possible ignition sources, related to the use of mechanical equipment. In most cases, physical evidence of the equipment's presence or of the ignition source is observable; however, none was noted by Parton.

**Children:** Excluded. The origin of the fire is in a residential sub-division and the homeowners at 258 Charlois do have a child/children, but according to 911 dispatch log, the homeowner's 911 call stated that the homeowner observed electrical lines lying on the ground.

**Fireworks:** Excluded. Texas is a state where a wide variety of potentially hazardous fireworks may be purchased. Generally, fireworks leave distinctive physical evidence that can sometimes be easily detectable at the fire's origin. No evidence was noted.

**Smoking:** Excluded. The range of environmental conditions that must be present for a cigarette to successfully ignite a wildland fire are very narrow. Temperatures, relative humidity, wind speed and direction and fuel moistures must all fall within specific limited parameters as defined by extensive research. Although the estimated weather conditions at the fire's origin probably fell within the limits capable of supporting a cigarette as a possible ignition source, no evidence of a discarded cigarette were found in the area of origin.

**Exhaust:** Excluded. Exhaust systems may start fires from either the expulsion of exhaust related particles or by direct contact with flammable vegetation. These particles are generally lightweight, high temperature, short duration ignition sources. Most exhaust particle fires occur within a few feet of the road's edge. The point of origin was well out of range.

**Debris Burn:** Excluded. There was no evidence of debris burning activity at the origin of the fire.

**Incendiary:** Excluded. No arson device or other remains of an ignition source was recovered or observed at or near the area of origin.

**Miscellaneous:** Excluded: While the miscellaneous category can cover a wide range of possible causes, the most common ignition sources in this category are usually related to welding, cutting, and logging operations. There was no evidence concerning these categories at the origin of the fire.

**Powerlines:** Included. Determined to be the cause of this particular fire at 258 Charlois Drive. A fell tree came into contact with the overhead power lines causing sparks to fall into the fuels below.

### **Conclusion (258 Charlois Drive)**

Considering all the evidence of directional fire indicators, witness statements, and personal observations, Parton determined that most likely the higher winds speeds occurring that day had caused the dead standing tree to break approximately 6-8 feet from ground level, allowing the tree to fall and come into contact with the overhead power lines causing sparks to fall into the fuels below. This action also caused the power lines to be torn away from the electrical transformer.

# Preliminary Origin and Cause Determination 159 Schwantz Ranch Road, McDade, Texas

On Tuesday, September 6, 2011, TFS Investigators Parton and Colton went to the area of 159 Schwantz Ranch Road where investigators conducted a preliminary origin and cause investigation at this location. Based on preliminary investigation, witness statements, as well as observing tree branches tangled in overhead power lines, Parton believed that this fire was most likely due to a tree top breaking and coming into contact with the overhead powerlines.

### **Fuels and Topography (Schwantz Ranch Road)**

The general origin area on Schwantz Ranch Road was located in an area of mixed timber in and adjacent to a power line easement. This area was also relatively flat with a slight upslope at the area of origin. Surface fuels were a mixture of light short grass understory and timber litter.

### **Origin Determination (Schwantz Ranch Road Fire)**

Parton began the origin determination by walking around the perimeter of the general origin area. This area had not been physically secured since the day of the fire; however, pink colored flagging placed around the general area of origin by fire suppression personal was still present. The area also had indications of suppression activity within the area bounded by the flagging tape. It is likely that suppression activity took place within this area, as the location would have had relevance to the overall suppression strategy. There were indications that vehicles and fire suppression units had driven on Schwantz Ranch Road south and adjacent to the perimeter of the area.

Upon proceeding around the perimeter, Parton observed numerous macro-scale fire directional indicators, consisting of angle of char on trees and vertical fuels and foliage freeze. These indicators corroborated the boundary of the general origin area. They also delineated a significant run of forward fire spread that traveled from the south center portion of the general origin area to the south and southeast, crossing Schwantz Ranch Road.

Parton continued observing the burn pattern up to an area of debris. This area contained the remnants of two different trees and branches. It appeared that these trees had been burned and severed at or near ground level. By viewing the ground area around the debris, the both trees were originally in close proximity, approximately 10 to 12 feet, of an overhead power line utility pole. This pile had burned with a high degree of intensity and had obliterated most of the indicators for several feet in all directions. Further, Parton observed tree branches entangled in the overhead power lines. Also, Parton observed other areas along the overhead power lines where the power lines were either touching and or grown up through the overhead power lines. By using available fire directional indicators, witness statements, and personal observations, Parton determined that this area of debris was the fire's most probable point of origin. A Fire Scene Diagram was made.

### **Determination of Specific Fire Cause (Schwantz Ranch Road)**

Due to the location of the fire's probable origin, the lack of recovery of any ignition source and the hot and dry conditions, a number of possible ignition sources had to be considered. The following section examines each of the standard cause categories and explains how the final determination of cause was arrived at.

Railroad: Excluded. There was no railroad near the origin area.

**Lightning:** Excluded. No detected lightning strikes in the area. Further, with the hot, dry and windy conditions, and the fire origin's closeness to at least two different residences, a holdover fire from the last recorded lighting strike would have been detected well before the occurrence of the Bastrop Complex Fire. Additionally, there were no physical signs of a lightning strike on nearby trees or on the ground at the origin area.

**Campfire:** Excluded. The location of the origin is not typical of a place where someone would be likely to kindle a campfire. A campfire leaves physical remains in the form of coals and partially burned fuels that are easily recognizable due to their volume and arrangement. Campfires are usually built within the confines of a rock ring and often contain partially burned trash remnants. No evidence of any of these indicators was present at the origin.

**Equipment use:** Excluded. Equipment use covers a wide variety of possible ignition sources, related to the use of mechanical equipment. In most cases, physical evidence of the equipment's presence or of the ignition source is observable; however, none was noted by Parton. Further, Grimes also did not notice any equipment near or leaving the area prior to the fire.

**Children:** Excluded. The origin of the fire is in a rural location, far from any schools, parks, playgrounds or residential areas frequented by children. The only residences nearby are the Grimes residence and the Harboe residence. It is believed that neither of the residences have young children under their direct supervision and care.

**Fireworks:** Excluded. Texas is a state where a wide variety of potentially hazardous fireworks may be purchased. Generally, fireworks leave distinctive physical evidence that can sometimes be easily detectable at the fire's origin. No evidence was noted.

Smoking: Excluded. The range of environmental conditions that must be present for a

cigarette to successfully ignite a wildland fire are very narrow. Temperatures, relative humidity, wind speed and direction and fuel moistures must all fall within specific limited parameters as defined by extensive research. Although the estimated weather conditions at the fire's origin probably fell within the limits capable of supporting a cigarette as a possible ignition source, no evidence of a discarded cigarette were found in the area of origin.

**Exhaust:** Excluded. Exhaust systems may start fires from either the expulsion of exhaust related particles or by direct contact with flammable vegetation. These particles are generally lightweight, high temperature, short duration ignition sources. Most exhaust particle fires occur within a few feet of the road's edge. The point of origin was well within that range. The probable weather conditions at the time of the fire and the host fuel bed would both have been favorable to a fire start from an exhaust-related source. Typically, exhaust carbon particles that start fires emanate from large, low compression diesel engines, such as those found on heavy equipment and railroad locomotives. Exhaust carbon from two-stroke gasoline engines on motorcycles and chainsaws is next most likely. There were no indications that any of these type vehicles had been operating near the origin area prior to the fire.

**Debris Burn:** Excluded. There was no evidence of debris burning activity at the origin of the fire.

**Incendiary:** Excluded. No arson device or other remains of an ignition source was recovered or observed at or near the area of origin.

**Miscellaneous:** Excluded: While the miscellaneous category can cover a wide range of possible causes, the most common ignition sources in this category are usually related to welding, cutting, and logging operations. There was no evidence concerning these categories at the origin of the fire.

**Powerlines:** Included. Determined to be the cause of this particular fire on Schwantz Ranch Road. Tree branches became intertwined with the overhead power lines causing the power lines to become entangled causing sparks to fall into the fuels below.

### **Conclusion (Schwantz Ranch Road)**

Considering all the evidence of directional indicators, witness statements, and personal observations, Parton determined that most likely the higher winds speeds occurring that day had caused the top portion of the tree to partially break, allowing the tree branches to come into contact with the overhead power lines. With continuing higher wind speeds, combined with the weight of the upper portion of the tree, the upper portion of the tree top broke free from the remaining tree trunk and fell to the ground, leaving tree branches intertwined in the overhead power lines. Due to the continuing wind and the intertwined branches, the overhead power lines became entangled causing sparks to fall into the fuels below.

### **Telephone Interview with Rune Harboe**

On the morning of September 12, 2011, Parton made telephone contact with Rune Harboe. Harboe owned the residence on the south side of Schwantz Ranch Road and southeast of the area of origin. Harboe's home was completely destroyed by the Bastrop Complex Fire. Harboe stated that a dead tree on the north side of Schwantz Ranch Road fell across power lines and started the fire. Harboe stated that his wife called 911 to report the fire. Harboe stated that he did not know the time the call was made, but estimated the call was placed around 14:00 hours.

#### **Interview with Jason Rivas**

On the morning of September 13, 2011, Parton met with Jason Rivas at 258 Charlois Drive, Bastrop, Tx. Rivas is the homeowner at this address. Rivas' residence was completely destroyed by the Bastrop Complex Fire. Rivas provided the following information concerning the fire at 258 Charlois Drive on September 4, 2011:

Approximately 14:14 hours: Electrical power went out at the residence.

Approximately 14:15 hours: Jason went outside to look for evidence of power outage. Rivas observed a power line down on the front east side of the residence, but observed no sign of fire at or near the downed power line. Jason's wife, Rebecca, called a neighbor to the east and confirmed that the neighbor's electrical power was also out.

Approximately 14:17 – 14:18 hours: Rebecca made a call to Bluebonnet Electrical Service. While speaking to Bluebonnet Electrical Service, Rebecca observed what she believed to be another power line down. This power line ran along the power line easement that extends diagonally across the back of the Rivas property. Rebecca observed a second power line still up that extends from the transformer pole to another pole located at the rear, west corner of the property. Jason came back inside the residence, looked out the rear sliding glass door, and observed smoke near the far west corner of the property.

Approximately 14:20 hours: Rebecca called 911, looked out the rear sliding glass door and saw flames near the rear west corner of the property (Refer to Jason Rivas Statement)

### **Telephone Conversation with Jose Viegra**

On September 13, 2011 at approximately 12:00 hours, Parton received a cell telephone call from ATF Agent Jose Viegra. Agent Viegra advised that he was also conducting an origin and cause investigation on the Bastrop Complex Fire. Agent Viegra advised that he had received information that Ashley Grimes, daughter-in-law to William Grimes, supposedly had taken photos at Schwantz Ranch Road prior to and at the beginning of the fire on Schwantz Ranch Road. Viegra advised that Grimes had agreed to release the photos to law enforcement and asked Parton to meet him at Grimes's place of business at 13:00 hours this date.

### **Interview of Ashley Grimes and Collection of Photographs**

On September 13, 2011 at approximately 13:00 hours, Parton met with Agent Viegra and Ashley Grimes at 1225 N. Ave C in Elgin, TX. Grimes downloaded the photographs from her camera to a computer. These photographs were then transferred to a CD. Both Agent Viegra and Parton received a copy of that CD. Grimes was then interviewed. Grimes advised that on September 4, 2011, she received a telephone call from her mother-in-law, Marla Grimes, and that Marla told her that a tree had fell on a power line and started a fire (Refer to Ashley Grimes' Statement).

#### **Interview of William Grimes**

On September 13, 2011 and shortly after completing the interview with Ashley Grimes, William Grimes arrived at this same location. Grimes residence is located on Schwantz Ranch Road and a short distance from the area of origin. Grimes provided the following information concerning the fire on September 4, 2011 on Schwantz Ranch Road:

Grimes had gone to the store and returned home at approximately 14:00 hours. Upon turning into his driveway, Grimes observed that the top part of a tree had broken and had fell on to the overhead power lines. Grimes then walked to the area and did not observe any smoke or fire. Grimes stated that the power lines were not twisted together at that time. Grime returned to his residence and attempted to make contact with Bluebonnet Electrical Service. Grimes stated that he never did make contact with anyone at Bluebonnet Electrical Service. While trying to decide the next plan of action, Grimes received a telephone call from Diane Harboe. Grimes stated that Harboe advised him of the fire and that the Harboe residence was on fire. Grimes estimated the time of the fire's origin to have been approximately 14:30 hours. Grimes further estimated that the winds at the time of the fire to be steady at 35 mph and gusting to 45 mph. Grimes agreed to write a statement concerning the fire and forward that statement to Parton (Refer to Grimes's Statement).

### **Telephone Interview with Sam Duncan**

On September 13, 2011 and shortly after the interview with William Grimes, Agent Viegra made telephone contact with Sam Duncan. Duncan is the Fire Chief at McDade VFD. Duncan advised that on September 4, 2011, he was dispatched to 258 Charlois Drive to assist in fire suppression operations at that location. While enroute to that location, he was dispatched to the area of Dubie Lane and Schwantz Ranch Road in reference to a fire. Duncan advised that both fires were dispatched at approximately the same time.

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3. William Grimes 159 Schwantz Ranch Road McDade, TX. 78650 Cell #: 512-273-9546

4. Rune Harboe

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5. Rebecca Rivas

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6. Jason Rivas

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7. Ashley Grimes

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8. Sam Duncan

Fire Chief - McDade VFD

Cell #: 512-273-2549



# **Bastrop County Sheriff's Office Incident Call Slip**

**Incident Number: 99436603** 

Call Type: 0806-FIRE OTHER Operator: Sabrsula, Allisia

Call Date: 09/04/2011 Location: Residence

Call Time: 2:20 PM Area: Rptd By: Rivas, Megan Subdiv:

Phone: 512.718.9581 Priority: Just Occurred

Address: 258 Charlois

Bastrop Tx 78602

Officer/Unit Assigned	Date	Notified	Arrived	Cleared	Disposition
Vfd, Bastrop	09/04/2011	2:21 PM	2:56 PM	8:37 PM	No Report
Davis, Molly	09/04/2011	2:24 PM	2:32 PM	4:18 AM	No Report
Ward, Lee	09/04/2011	2:24 PM	2:32 PM	10:40 PM	No Report
Conley, Max	09/04/2011	2:24 PM	2:56 PM	4:19 AM	Written Warning
Mcdvfd, Unknown	09/04/2011	2:26 PM	2:56 PM	8:37 PM	No Report
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Bbavfd, Unknown	09/04/2011	2:30 PM	2:56 PM	8:37 PM	No Report
Corbell, Reuben	09/04/2011	2:36 PM	2:56 PM	12:54 AM	No Report
Cantwell, Stephen	09/04/2011	2:36 PM	2:56 PM	4:20 AM	UTL/Gone on Arrival
Ramirez, Aaron L	09/04/2011	2:36 PM	2:56 PM	4:18 AM	No Report
Griffin, Christopher	09/04/2011	2:36 PM	2:55 PM	4:18 AM	No Report
Mcclanahan, Todd	09/04/2011	2:37 PM	2:56 PM	4:27 AM	No Report
Hammons, Kyle	09/04/2011	2:38 PM		2:55 PM	No Report
Wray, Christoper Burke	09/04/2011	2:52 PM	2:55 PM	6:49 AM	No Report
Dzienowski, Joey	09/04/2011	3:55 PM	5:43 PM	1:39 AM	Disregard
Reyes, Ramon Jr	09/04/2011	4:01 PM	4:01 PM	10:41 PM	No Report
Sabrsula, Allison	09/04/2011	4:04 PM	4:04 PM	5:06 PM	No Report
Pickering, Terry	09/04/2011	4:57 PM	5:45 PM	8:37 PM	No Report
Calderon, Ann	09/04/2011	5:05 PM		5:26 PM	No Report
Montgomery, Keith	09/04/2011	5:12 PM	5:43 PM	1:59 AM	No Report
Henderson, Matthew	09/04/2011	5:17 PM	5:40 PM	10:02 PM	No Report
Calderon, Ann	09/04/2011	5:27 PM		5:37 PM	No Report
Lanford, Guy	09/04/2011	5:42 PM	5:42 PM	9:00 PM	No Report
Deason, John	09/04/2011	5:44 PM	5:44 PM	11:42 PM	No Report
Swantner, Craig	09/04/2011	5:44 PM	5:44 PM	7:03 AM	No Report
Chavez, Chris	09/04/2011	5:44 PM	5:44 PM	9:20 PM	No Report
Tidwell, Darryl	09/04/2011	5:47 PM	5:47 PM	12:42 AM	No Report
Jenkins, Keith	09/04/2011	5:47 PM	5:47 PM	8:37 PM	No Report
Monahan, Michael	09/04/2011	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	4:32 AM	No Report
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Stewart, Connie	09/04/2011	6:45 PM	6:53 PM	8:24 AM	No Report
Wofford, Danny	09/04/2011	7:04 PM	7:04 PM	4:50 AM	No Report
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Mcbain, Robert	09/04/2011	7:24 PM	7:26 PM	3:52 AM	No Report
Treece, Marc Steven	09/04/2011	7:34 PM	7:34 PM	2:40 AM	No Report
Kasper, Shane	09/04/2011	7:39 PM	7:39 PM	4:19 AM	No Report
Davis, Curtis Jr	09/04/2011	7:40 PM	7:40 PM	8:37 PM	No Report
Gaskamp, Eric	09/04/2011	7:42 PM	7:42 PM	12:06 AM	No Report
Broderick, Stephen	09/04/2011	7:51 PM	7:51 PM	8:23 PM	No Report
Chester, Charles	09/04/2011	7:57 PM	7:57 PM	4:20 AM	No Report
Miller, James	09/04/2011	7:58 PM	7:58 PM	1:50 AM	No Report
Torres, Robert	09/04/2011	8:03 PM	8:03 PM	8:37 PM	No Report
Broderick, Stephen	09/04/2011	8:24 PM	8:24 PM	4:19 AM	No Report
Abel, Russell	09/04/2011	8:26 PM	8:26 PM	4:07 AM	No Report
Horak, Brandon	09/04/2011	8:26 PM	8:26 PM	1:41 AM	No Report
Morgan, Robert	09/04/2011	9:46 PM		9:46 PM	No Report
Henderson, Matthew	09/04/2011	10:02 PM	10:02 PM	9:16 AM	No Report
Dezarn, Chris	09/03/2011	1:00 AM	1:00 AM	1:16 AM	No Report
Anderson, Robert	09/03/2011	2:41 AM	2:41 AM	4:58 AM	No Report
Mcmanus, Daniel	09/03/2011	4:26 AM		6:11 AM	No Report
Wagner, Matthew	09/03/2011	4:27 AM	1:46 AM	11:38 AM	No Report
Pierson, Jason	09/03/2011	4:28 AM		4:28 AM	No Report
Hernandez, Sandra	09/03/2011	4:29 AM		6:11 AM	No Report
Prettyman, Raven	09/03/2011	4:30 AM		6:11 AM	No Report
Steffanic, Vicki	09/03/2011	4:32 AM		6:19 AM	No Report
Pena, Gary	09/03/2011	4:41 AM	4:53 AM	7:11 AM	No Report
Stewart, James Andrew	09/03/2011	4:41 AM	4:41 AM	9:24 AM	No Report
Goff, Jeff	09/03/2011	4:43 AM	4:43 AM	7:57 AM	No Report
Cole, Trevor	09/03/2011	4:45 AM	4:45 AM	8:37 PM	No Report
Sparkman, Jackie	09/03/2011	4:45 AM	4:46 AM	9:16 AM	No Report
Cole, Richard	09/03/2011	4:47 AM	4:47 AM	9:19 AM	No Report
Wood, Wayne	09/03/2011	4:47 AM	4:47 AM	8:37 PM	No Report
Stoppelberg, Roger	09/03/2011	4:47 AM	4:47 AM	12:56 PM	Disregard
Langham, V Doug	09/03/2011	4:49 AM	4:49 AM	6:04 AM	No Report
Evans, E	09/03/2011	4:49 AM	4:49 AM	8:37 PM	No Report
Walters, John	09/03/2011	4:51 AM	4:51 AM	9:16 AM	No Report
Dezarn, Chris	09/03/2011	5:01 AM	5:01 AM	5:37 AM	No Report
Chavez, Chris	09/03/2011	6:01 AM		6:56 PM	No Report
Kyle, Preston	09/03/2011	6:06 AM		6:52 PM	No Report
Moore, Sarah	09/03/2011	6:07 AM		6:51 PM	No Report
Brown, Tamera	09/03/2011	6:07 AM	1:46 AM	8:37 PM	No Report
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WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:36:48

NEW CALL CARD WILL BE OPENED WITH FIRE UNITS ONLY. OFFICERS WORKING FIRE WILL BE ACTIVATED AND SHOWN 10-6 AT CORRECT LOCATION

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:19:20 121 ADVISES

129 126 130 OUT IN CHARLIE

122 BD

121 A

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:17:03

UNITS ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE VEHICLE.

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:16:19

RIFLE IN THE FRONT SEAT IN THE FLOORBOARD

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:15:39

WHITE PICKUP WITH HAY AND YELLOW BEACON FLASHING ON TOP, TWO WHITE MALES

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:14:38

WB ON 21 TOWARDS NORFOLK

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:14:12

NOW WB ON 21

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 20:13:51

6850 ATTEMPTING TO CATCH UP TO TRUCKS GOING 21 E

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 19:56:00

PONDEROSA RD AT THE LCRA STATION

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 19:54:37

6376 ESCORTING SUBJECT OUT OF EVAC AREA

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 19:36:10

118 KALAMA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED.

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 19:12:10

431 REQUESTING ANOTHER UNIT TO TUCK ST AND LAKE FRONT FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 18:45:43

PAUL AT SMITHVILLE ADVISES THAT AT 71 AND KLBJ THERE IS NOBODY POSTED UP THERE AND NON-EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARE DRIVING AROUND THE AREA.

GOODRUM, LYDIA(994988)

09.06.11 09:03:35

AKALOA AND WAHANEY FLARE UP

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 06:31:51

133 AT COLLEGE AND LOVERS

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 06:31:01

128 OUT AT 21 \* 150

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 06:27:24

CORNER OF KONA AND MAUNA LOA

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 06:25:37

**TONES** 

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 06:25:13

FIRE AT THE FIREHOUSE IN TAHITIAN

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.06.11 05:07:05

FIRE HAS REIGNITED IN THE STATE PARK

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.06.11 02:24:41

**IGNORE LAST TWO ENTRIES** 

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.06.11 02:24:33

ONE OCCUPANT ADVD THEY STOLE THEM FROM A RESD BUT DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.06.11 02:24:11

6371 RECOVERED SOME ITEMS; SKI MASKS, GLOVES, TV, SAFE AND BRIEFCASE WITH JEWELRY ITEMS

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.06.11 02:13:15

533 LEISURE LN / SMALL GRASS FIRE IN THE BACKYARD OF THAT RESD / COMPL: MOUTON, JOSHUA 512-577-2178

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.06.11 01:48:00

710 FM 1209 / REPORT OF SMOKE IN AN AREA WHERE THERE IS NO FIRE - DOESN'T SEE ANY FLAMES / COMPL: SWINGLE, SUSIE 512-718-4354

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.06.11 00:26:59

HAD REPORT FROM GONZALES CO OF POSSIBLE GRASS FIRE NEAR FM 1296 AND ROBIN RD / APPROX 1 MI N OF GONZALES CO ON FM 1296

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 23:50:31

NORFOLK RD @ PINEVIEW ESTATES OFF SH 21 E / COMPL IS LCRA RANGER

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 23:34:30

150 STONEY BROOK DR / 2 HOUSES UP AND ROAD AND BEHIND SOME TREES ARE STARTING TO CATCH FIRE AGAIN / NEAR CORNER OF STONEY BROOK AND LEISURE - COMPL BOOTHE.SARAH 512-303-0029

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 20:59:26

SOMEONE BURNING SOMETHING ACROSS THE STREET AND ONE HOUSE DOWN FROM 196 CIELO VISTA - OPEN FLAME COMING FROM THE GROUND / COMPL IS CASTRO, IRENE 512-909-6942

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 20:52:26

ALL FIRE UNITS IN THE COUNTY ARE ON THIS CALL/ CAD IS NOT ALLOWING ANY UNITS TO BE ADDED

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 20:50:07

REPORT OF SMALL BRUSH FIRE @ THE END OF EIGHT OAKS - TRYING TO JUMP THE ROAD - COMPL IS ELKINS, WILL 806-470-6333

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 20:09:18

LINE OF FIRE JUST TO THE WEST OF ANTIOCH AND GOTIER TRACE / COMPL LIVES AT 956 GOTIER TRACE - BARB ETCHISON 512-426-2106

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 20:06:18

NEW FIRE AT 777 CARDINAL DR OFF SH 21 / TREES ON FIRE / GIOVAR, LEO 512-709-7330

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 19:54:02

NEW FIRE AT 151 SOUTH RIDE DR

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 19:43:01

FIRE AT STILL FOREST AND SH 71

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.05.11 19:39:16

CITIZEN ADVD ANOTHER FIRE STARTED AT 621 OLD POTATO RD - COMPL LUANN VARGAS 979-716-0624 / LOOKS LIKE HOMEOWNERS ARE GONE BUT COWS IN THE PASTURE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 19:38:12

CITIZEN ADV ACTIVE GRASS FIRE MT OLIVE / ELM GROVE

GOODRUM, LYDIA(994988)

09.05.11 10:25:25

FIRE OUT 105 BLUE OAK FIRE WATCH ON STRUCTURE EVERY HOUR TILL AFTER NOON

WALLACE, JEREMY(217299)

09.05.11 09:25:22

UNIT (CV10) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 2571 / YOUNG SCHOOL HOUSE TO 21/CARDINAL

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 06:59:30

100 YRDS FROM 71 ON ALUM POWER LINES DOWN

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 06:58:38

UNIT (CID15) LOCATION CHANGED FROM SQUIRREL RUN / 21E TO 21 / S OLD POTATO

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 06:15:39

UNIT (128) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 71/150 TO 21/STATE PARK

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 06:07:35

UNIT (110) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO EOC

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 06:07:13

UNIT (111) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO CITY/TAHITIAN

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 06:06:18

### UNIT (112) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO 71/JACKSON

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 06:01:02

UNIT (128) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 71/150 TRAFFIC TO 71/150

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 05:32:13

UNIT (431) LOCATION CHANGED FROM COTTLETOWN TO PARK RD 1C

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 05:32:00

PER 431 100 YRDS EAST OF PARK RD 1C THE FIRE HAS MOVED TO THE NORTH SIDE OF PARK RD 1C

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 05:30:59

UNIT (CID15) LOCATION CHANGED FROM S OLD POTATO TO SQUIRREL RUN / 21E

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 05:19:16

UNIT (CID19) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 2571 / YOUNG SCHOOL HOUSE TO HIDDEN SHORES

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 05:01:43

UNIT (736) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:55:18

UNIT (6373) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO FM 2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:52:47

UNIT (RS8) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO S OLD POTATO

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:50:54

UNIT (887) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO FM 1441/OLD FIRE TOWER

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:49:34

UNIT (4907) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO BASTROP STATE PARK

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:49:05

UNIT (S01) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:48:57

UNIT (CS10) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO COTTLETOWN

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:48:24

UNIT (CV12) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO LEC

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:47:06

UNIT (CP10) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO LBA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:46:48

UNIT (CID05) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO LBA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:45:53

UNIT (CID10) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 304/2571 TO HIDDEN SHORES / 71

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:45:38

UNIT (CV05) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:45:00

UNIT (CV10) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 2571 / YOUNG SCHOOL HOUSE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:43:43

UNIT (CID16) LOCATION CHANGED FROM OEM TO 2571 / YOUNG SCHOOL HOUSE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:43:15

UNIT (CID19) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 2571 / YOUNG SCHOOL HOUSE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:42:44

UNIT (CID23) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO KELLER / 71

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:42:11

UNIT (CID20) LOCATION CHANGED FROM BROOKSHIRE BROTHERS TO KELLER / 71

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:41:56

431 WENT DOWN FELIX / NO CONTACT WITH ANYONE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:41:43

UNIT (CID15) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO S OLD POTATO

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:40:50

UNIT (RS8) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO S OLD POTATO

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:33:25

UNIT (431) LOCATION CHANGED FROM PARK RD 1C TO COTTLETOWN

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:33:19

UNIT (6371) LOCATION CHANGED FROM PARK RD 1C TO COTTLETOWN

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:32:58

UNIT (6370) LOCATION CHANGED FROM OEM TO FM 2571

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 04:31:39

UNIT (124) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO TAHITIAN/71 TRAFFIC

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 04:31:07

UNIT (6471) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 21E

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 04:30:57

UNIT (105) LOCATION CHANGED FROM EOC TO TAHITIAN

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 04:30:46

UNIT (102) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO EOC

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 04:30:29

UNIT (129) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO TAHITIAN

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 04:29:22

UNIT (130) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 95/71 TRAFFIC TO 95/71 TRAFFIC

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 04:26:59

UNIT (105) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TAHITIAN PATROLING TO EOC

CUNNINGHAM, ALAINA(217778)

09.05.11 04:26:38

UNIT (105) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO TAHITIAN PATROLING

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 03:57:23

UNIT (CID22) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 322 PINE VALLEY 3 TO 715 PARK RD 1C

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 03:52:18

UNIT (431) LOCATION CHANGED FROM FM 2571 TO PARK RD 1C

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 03:47:07

UNIT (6371) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 2571 / RIVER TO PARK RD 1C

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 02:18:46

UNIT (CID20) LOCATION CHANGED FROM ANIMAL SHELTER TO BROOKSHIRE BROTHERS

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 01:16:04

CIV05 IN CHARGE AT EOC

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 01:11:51

UNIT (CID18) LOCATION CHANGED FROM COLONY TO FM 2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 01:11:45

UNIT (431) LOCATION CHANGED FROM THE COLONY TO FM 2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 01:11:35

UNIT (431) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO THE COLONY

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 01:05:30

CID10 SMOKE IS CONCENTRATED BETWEEN YOUNG RD / AND TINER CUT OFF

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 00:59:49

UNIT (736) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.05.11 00:55:53

705 FM 1209 ACTIVE FIRE / FIRE UNITS ENR

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 23:55:15

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CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 23:54:44

139 ELM GROVE / BRENDA 303 9377

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 22:36:22

UNIT (1007) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TAHITIAN/71 TO TAHITIAN / 71

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 22:35:03

BASTROP FIRE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF LANAI CALL

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 22:34:50

132 LANAI FIRE IN THE BACK YARD / AT MAUANA KEA / HOME OWNER ONSCENE TRYING TO FIGHT THE FIRE HIMSELF / HE WAS ADVISED TO EVACUATE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 21:57:36

ELGIN 505 ENR TO CHECK 2336 / US 290

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 21:55:56

REPORT OF FIRE AT 2336 / US 290

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 21:55:04

HEAVY SMOKE UPTON / YOUNG RD

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 21:29:23

FIRE AROUND THE HOUSE 272 PONDEROSA LOOP

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:57:30

UNIT (CID10) LOCATION CHANGED FROM GRADY TUCK TO 304/2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:55:16

UNIT (1171) LOCATION CHANGED FROM PAIGE COMMUNITY CENTER TO S OLD POTATO / 21 E

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:46:40

CITIZEN COMP OF TRAFFIC BACKED UP AT 2104 / 290

09.04.11 20:31:15

UNIT (1177) LOCATION CHANGED FROM LBA TO 304/2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:29:53

UNIT (797) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 168 K C TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:28:08

FIRE ON KOFFMAN IS SPREADING INTO THE TREES / AND HILLS PRARIE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:26:41

UNIT (CID22) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 322 PINE VALLEY 3

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:26:23

UNIT (971) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 144 WHIPPORWILL

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:25:23

322 PINE VALLEY LP REF TO LEAVE PER CID22

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:25:01

UNIT (939) LOCATION CHANGED FROM WHIPPORWILL TO 144 WHIPPORWILL

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:23:46

UNIT (CID21) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 2571 / TINER

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:22:08

UNIT (CID21) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 304/2571 TO 2571 / TINER

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:21:26

UNIT (CID21) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 1441 TO 304/2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:21:12

UNIT (939) LOCATION CHANGED FROM KLEINERT TO WHIPPORWILL

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:20:40

UNIT (CID18) LOCATION CHANGED FROM GRADY TUCK TO COLONY

09.04.11 20:18:30

939 PINE SONG ADVISED

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 20:03:32

UNIT (CID18) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO GRADY TUCK

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:58:10

UNIT (948) LOCATION CHANGED FROM COLONY TO LBA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:58:06

UNIT (1244) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 304 / 2571 TO LBA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:57:50

UNIT (1177) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO LBA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:57:22

UNIT (CID20) LOCATION CHANGED FROM OEM TO ANIMAL SHELTER

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:57:08

CID20/ ANIMAL SHELTER CODE 4

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:56:39

UNIT (1145) LOCATION CHANGED FROM WHISPERING PINES TO WHISPERING PINES

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:56:26

1145 ON WHISPERING PINES

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:56:13

1600BLK OF 2571 NEAR FOOTHILL RD / ASH STARTING TO FALL

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:53:59

S31 1244 AND 1127 AND ELG 525 IN LBA FOR EVAC

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:53:33

881 ENR TO LBA TO HELP EVAC

09.04.11 19:53:17

CHECKED BRENDAS / NOTHING SHOWING /

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:51:17

UNIT (CID21) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 1441

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:50:17

KLEINER / MARKERT / PLUM NOTIFIED OF EVAC

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:46:30

UNIT (803) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 2571 / TINER CUT OFF

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:45:57

CIV10 2571 / 304

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:45:29

881 ON 1441 DIRECTING TRAFFIC

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:44:18

1171 COMMUNITY CNTR WILL NEED ICE / COTS / BEDS / BLANKETS

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:43:13

881 SELVERA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:42:02

UNIT (1007) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO TAHITIAN/71

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:40:25

UNIT (CID10) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO GRADY TUCK

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:39:10

UNIT (1145) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO WHISPERING PINES

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:38:48

UNIT (1171) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 21E / OLD POTATO TO PAIGE COMMUNITY CENTER

09.04.11 19:36:34

UNIT (939) LOCATION CHANGED FROM LBA TO KLEINERT

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:35:09

UNIT (939) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO LBA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:34:39

UNIT (1000) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO LA REATA

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:34:08

CIV12 21 E / S OLD POTATO

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:33:18

S30 168 KC SUBJ REF TO LEAVE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:33:08

UNIT (797) LOCATION CHANGED FROM KELLY/21 E TO 168 K C

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:29:34

1171 76 TO PAIGE COMMUNITY CENTER

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:28:12

REF TO THE WHITE ESCORT THAT 6370 / WAS PARKED IN THE MIDDLE OF 21

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:27:03

UNIT (1244) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 304 / 2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:26:24

UNIT (797) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO KELLY/21 E

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 19:26:12

UNIT (AC2) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO KELLY/21E 1ST HSE ON LEFT

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.04.11 19:22:36

LIMBS ON POWER LINES 362 WATERS EDGE

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 19:16:19 CID21 / CID 5 / CP10 / 939 LBA EVAC

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 19:15:26 LBA NEEDS TO BE EVACUATED PER OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 19:15:18 LA REATA EVACUATED

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 19:04:42 UNIT (CID16) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 19:04:34 UNIT (CID20) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 19:00:28 826 HAS VEH CROSSED THE BARRIER OLD FIRE TOWER RD

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 18:58:51 NEED ONE UNIT TO BLK THE COLONY

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 18:57:40 S31 / ENR TO LA REATA AND PINE VALLEY LP

S31 / ENR TO LA REATA AND PINE VALLEY LP

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 18:56:26

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:57:15

S31 CLEARING THE COLONY

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 18:56:11 UNIT (1171) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 21E / OLD POTATO

APPEARS THE COLONY IS UNDER CONTROL / FIRE IS KNOCKING DOWN A FEW HOT SPOTS

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178) 09.04.11 18:49:22 NEED TO EVACUATE RIATA SUBD

09.04.11 18:41:58

UNIT (6372) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 304 / 2571

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:41:48

UNIT (6371) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 2571 / RIVER

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:41:38

UNIT (6370) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:41:31

UNIT (612) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO 21E /PINE TREE LP

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:41:20

UNIT (948) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO COLONY

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:41:15

UNIT (431) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO COLONY

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:41:08

UNIT (LT20) LOCATION CHANGED FROM 258 CHARLOIS TO TALL FOREST/MCALLISTER

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:37:56

2571 / SUBD JUST EAST OF 304 HAS BEEN EVACUATED

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 18:16:17

FIRE IS MOVING EAST

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.04.11 18:13:52

TERRYS CORNER ON FIRE

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.04.11 18:02:43

KC ESTATES 301 KELLY RD ON FIRE

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.04.11 18:01:53

595 FM 1209

09.04.11 18:00:51

NEED IT TO OEM

CASTRO, CHERYL(100178)

09.04.11 17:58:15

BY 3D1 // CAN NOT MAKE IT TO THE ADDRESS ON KELLEY

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:50:14

ALL UNITS GOING 41 NEED TO REPORT TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON GRADY TUCK

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.04.11 17:46:18

420 KANAPALI ON FIRE NOTIFIED BASTROP FIRE

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282)

09.04.11 17:45:25

NOTIFIED BASTROP FIRE 127 KOALI DR LOTS ON BOTH SIDE ON FIRE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:41:46

ALUM CREEK TO 1C IS CLEAR AND EVACUATED

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:35:41

LT 20 TRIED TO STOP A VEH TAHT DROVE INTO THE FIRE AT 71 /HARMON / HIGHWAY IS COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN / REFUSED TO STOP

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:34:25

826 NO CHILDREN AT THE LOCATION / ONE ADULT MALE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:33:08

826 AT 106 PEACE HAVEN / SUBJ REF TO LEAVE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:32:27

HOMESTEAD / CARDINAL

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:32:17

S30 / UNABLE TO GET TO HOMESTEAD

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976)

09.04.11 17:27:22

UNIT (826) LOCATION CHANGED FROM TO 106 PEACE HAVEN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:27:15 826 ENR TO 106 PEACE HAVEN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:26:45 NEED LIST OF EVERY UNIT ON DUTY

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:24:49 GAME WARDEN AT 71 / PINEHILL AVAIL FOR CALLS

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:24:16 3D2 ENR TO TAHITIAN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:24:02 MORE WORD THAT THERE ARE MORE FIRES INSIDE THE TAHITIAN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:23:42 LT20 10-8 OFF TAHITIAN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:22:21 MAKE SURE THE FIRE DOESNT CROSS THE RIVER PER S10

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:22:01 3C1 ON FM 2571

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:21:20 NEED UNIT TO 2571 DIRECTLY SOUTH OF THE FIRE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:18:33 943 ON ALUM CREEK

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:16:56 GRIFFIN AT THE COLONY

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:16:16 RS12 AT THE COLONY

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:16:11 431 ENR TO COLONY

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282) 09.04.11 17:15:57 TONED BASTROP FIRE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:15:54 SUBJ AT PARK RD 1C ADVISE THEY DO SEE FLAMES

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282) 09.04.11 17:14:58 HOUSE ON FIRE

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282) 09.04.11 17:14:39 RESIDENCE 162 HOOK EM HORNS

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:14:04 6317 ENR TO PARK RD 1C

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:11:29 FIRE IN BACK YARD 1320 PARK RD 1C / UNABLE TO EVACUATE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:05:32 CRAFTS PRARIE SHUT DOWN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:05:22 826 DIRECTING TRAFFIC 71 / TAHITIAN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:04:41 PONDEROSA EVACUATED

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:03:40 PER EMER MANAGEMENT // ALL UNITS SWITHC TO CH6BAM4 ...CHECK IN WITH LEE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:03:01 S10 ON KINSLEY

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 17:02:27 3D1 95 / 1551 EVACUATING

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:58:06 522 CARDINAL LP

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:57:51 273 PINE HILL LP NEEDS EVACUATION

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:57:04 S41 ON PINE TREE LP

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:57:01 TRAVIS RD AND ALL CONNECTING RD HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO EVAC / ON PINE VALLEY CT

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:55:38 1320 PARK RD 1C / WIFE AND 2 KIDS AND NO VEH

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:55:02 518 ENR TO ASSIST

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:54:51 EVACUATING THE COLONY

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:19:55 1100 BLK NEAR GREEN ACRES IS ALREADY ON FIRE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:17:48 100 BLKMCALLISTER EVAC AND PINE SHADOW

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 16:01:46 NEED TO EVACUATE TAHITAIN/ MCALLISTER/ ALUM CREEK/ AND AREA

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282) 09.04.11 15:51:03 NOTIFIED BASTROP FIRE 6 HOUSES ON FIRE COUNTY RD AND ROBIN RD

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 15:16:32 EVACUATING STATE PARK

CHARLES, ASHLEY(1041282) 09.04.11 15:15:13 PEOPLE TRAPPED 292 KELLY RD

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 15:11:38 NEED TO SHUT DOWN 21E

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 15:10:55 JUMPED HWY 21 E

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 15:08:57 254 CATTLEMANS GETTING TRANSPORT

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 15:06:32 E SIDE OF CATTMENS EVACUATED

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 15:03:39 PINE TRACE PALM DLAE KC WILDWOOD LISA LN PINE TREE QUARTER HORSE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:59:36 MANDATORY CHARLOIS

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:59:13 ANGUS BEEN EVACUATED

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:51:55 106 CHARLOIS EVACUATED

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:49:47 247 CATTLEMANS EVACUATING

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:49:24 272 AND 273 EVACUATING

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:47:50 105 ANGUS

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:46:59 112 CHARLOIS EVACUATING

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:45:32 CALLING EMS TO STAGE FOR ANY SMOKE ENHALATION

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:45:09 S30 ON SPUR CT

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:45:04 JUMPED 1441

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:43:49 178 CATTLEMANS

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:43:08 S30 ON SHORT HORN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:42:38 FIRST ADDRESS ON CATTLEMANS IN DANGER

MEISETSCHLAEGER, HEATHER(994990) 09.04.11 14:42:33 EMS EN ROUTE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:40:50 189 NOTIFIED TO EVACUATE

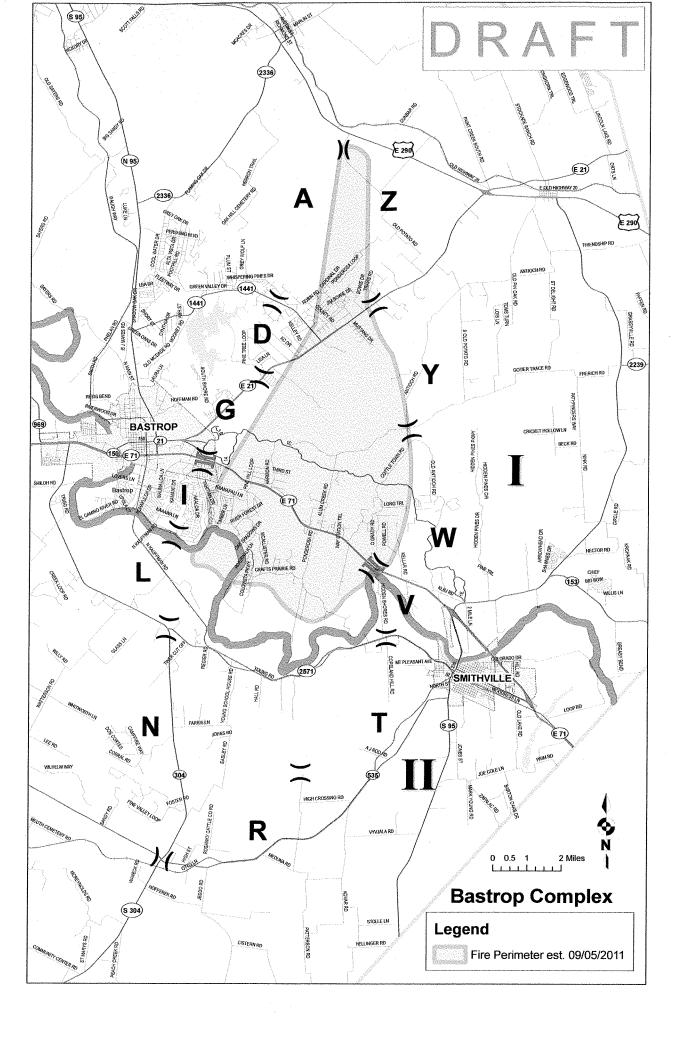
SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:38:37 3B1 198 CHARLOIS EVACUATING

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:38:12 EVACUATING PEOPLE

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:26:24 272 CHARLOIAS ANOTHER POLE IS DOWN

SABRSULA, ALLISIA(994976) 09.04.11 14:21:12 IN BACK YARD/ POWER LINE DOWN//

Reporter Work Phone:



### Statement of Power Outage and Start of Fire on Sept. 4, 2011 258 Charolais Dr., Bastrop TX 78602 Jason and Rebecca Rivas

- 1:58 Incoming call from brother received on Rebecca's cell phone.
- 2:14 Power went out.
- 2:15 Rebecca hung up within a minute or so.
  - Jason went outside to look for evidence of power outage. Saw a down power line on the front East side of the home. No sign of fire was seen around this power line.
- 2:15 Rebecca called Gloria Markel, neighbor to the East of our property. They spoke for less than 1 minute. Her power was also out. They both agreed Becky should call Bluebonnet.
  - o Jason came back inside and said power line was down.
- 2:17 & 2:18 Rebecca went upstairs to get Bluebonnet # and called. While
  upstairs, she looked out the window and saw what appeared to be one power
  line down along the power line easement that extends diagonally across the
  back of the property and one line still up coming from the transformer at the
  back West corner of the property. Completed call with Bluebonnet during
  this time.
  - Jason came in house, looked out back sliding glass door, saw smoke in the far rear East corner of the property, and yelled to Rebecca to call 911
- 2:20 (Not on Rebecca's cell phone call record) Rebecca immediately called 911, came downstairs, looked out the back sliding glass door and saw flames at the rear West corner of the property.
- 2:20 Jason called Gloria Markel from his cell phone to let her know there was a fire.
  - o Rebecca continued to speak with 911 until her two children and two cats were out of home and in the car.
  - Jason and Rebecca got some items out of home and could see fire spreading, moving toward the house along the west property line. Fire appeared to be moving with the wind toward 1441.
  - Fireman showed up in driveway (seemed to be approximately 5 minutes after original 911 call) and Rebecca believes she may have seen a fireman in the power easement as well along the back of the property at that time.
- 2:27 Bluebonnet called back to ask about power lines and to say they would restore power. Rebecca told them there was a fire.
- 2:32 (approximately) Jason and his family were in their car and leaving their home. They passed a brushfire truck in the driveway as they were leaving. When they last saw the fire it was approximately 100-150 yards away from the home, still moving along the western portion of the property line. There was no fire moving directly toward the central or eastern portion of the home at that time.
- 2:35 Jason and his family were in their car at the corner of Cardinal and Charolais Dr.

From: Jason Rivas [jason.rivas@wmich.edu] Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:24 PM

**To:** jose viegra **Cc:** Parton, Garry

Subject: Re: Bastrop, TX wildfire Statement of events

Hi Jose,

I wanted to bring your attention to an error I made in my statement of events for the fire that started at the back of our property in Bastrop, TX on Charolais Drive. Please note the word "WEST" in the sentence below is correct. Previously, it read "East." From the time the fire started to when we left our property we never saw any fire on the East side of our property. I apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

"Jason came in house, looked out back sliding glass door, saw smoke in the far rear **WEST** corner of the property, and yelled to Rebecca to call 911."

Healthy Regards,

Jason

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From: "Jason Rivas" < jason.rivas@wmich.edu>

**To:** "jose viegra" <jose.viegra@atf.gov>

Cc: gparton@tfs.tamu.edu

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2011 2:54:59 PM **Subject:** Bastrop, TX wildfire Statement of events

Mr. Viegra,

Please see my attached statement that describes the events that led up to and followed the fire that took place on our property at 258 Charolais in Bastrop, Texas on September 4, 2011.

Please let me know if you need clarification on any of the items in my statement or if there is any other information I can provide. I'm more than willing to help in any way I can.

I'm copying Garry Parton on this email so he has a copy of this statement for his immediate use. Gary, I will mail you a signed copy of this statement tomorrow.

Healthy Regards,

Jason Rivas

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My husband (William H. Grimes) and I
received a shore call from my mother-
in-law (Marla Grimes) Sunday (9/4/11)
about afternoon anterming is that a
tree fell on a powerline caused a tire
and the neighbor's house burnt down. That night my husband and I drove
That night my husband and I drove
Out there arriving around 11:00pm. Upon our arrival the fire dept (Believe
Upon our arrival The tire dept (believe
It was fight was getting ready to leave.
it was Elgin) was getting ready to lenve. They were in the feild of the neighbor west of The Grimes' Soon after
arriving to part the hill dezers
were working their way thru the
firest areating a seximater After the
forest creating a perimeter. After the bull dozers passed by we (me, my husband, and 3 of our friends) stood in the
and 3 of our friends) stood in the
perimeter and put out not spots with a garden hose and shovels + sand. The wind gusts would turn the hot spots
with a garden hose and shovels + sand.
The wind gusts would turn the hot spots
into flave ups + we would but those out
also. At about 3:00am the neighbor's
barn (whose house burnt down) was on tire
again so we decided to leave in case
it spread + we had no way out. My
in-laws, my hysband, & I stayed in Elgin at my parents' house that night. Monday (9/5/11) morning we (my in-laws, husband, +F)
at my parents house that night. Monday
drove back out to the house (1595
Ranch DI) We again stand in the resimate
Panch Pd) We again stood in the perimeter

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and put out not spots until the U.S.
Forest Service showed up. They told us
they were a team of 20 from California
and put out not spots until the U.S. Forest Service showed up. They told us they were a team of 20 from California that had just came from Marfa, TX.
They walked thry putting out hot
sports & sawing down not trees. They we i
They walked thry putting out hot spots & sawing down not trees. They we is also had a couple of bulldozers that the
going thru the perimeter again. At
this point we stopped putting out hot
spots + let them do their ich.
going thru the perimeter again. At this point we stopped putting out hot spots t let them do their job. After resting I decided to go take some pictures (close to noon). This is
some pictures (close to noon). This is
is believed to be the start of the five, a fallen tree with red tape around it. I then went back to the horse
Fire, a fallen tree with red tape around
it. I then went back to the house
and took pictures at the inside at the
house as my mother-in-law asked.
Around I:00pm I went for a walk with
Around I:00pm I went for a walk with my father-in-law + sister-in-law and
took more pictures along them way.
all the pictures I took were on monday,
9/5/11. The pictures taken 9/7/11-9/9/11
were taken by my mother-in-law (marla
Grimes ! These include pictures while
took more pictures along them way.  All the pictures I took were on monday.  9/5/11. The pictures taken 9/7/11-9/9/11  were taken by my mother-in-law (Marla Grimes). These include pictures while  Bluebonnet was out there exting down
trees.
On Saturday, 9/10/11 an attorney by the
have mark brotefeld (working for State
On Saturday, 9/10/11 an attorney by the have Mark Grotefeld (working for State Farm Ins.) asked to use my camera

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to take pictures of the what is believed to be the start of the five and have copies of my pictures showing it wired tape as and the before shot. He said that had to use my camera to take the picture at the same location/time of day. This would help their engineers recreate the forest five on the computer. And because Bluebonnet cleared it all out they needed my photos. They also asked to take possesion of my camera to keep as the diginal source. They did topy my pictures to took new ones on Sunday quill but I still have possesion of my camera.  The tree that currently has tape on it the still standing but one, is not the tree that fell on the power line. It is the tree that is now pushed back and to the right, that had fallen on the power line and then on top of the fence leaving branches tangled in the power line.	<i>5</i> 1
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Signature 9/13/11

This statement was written on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the request of Gary Parton, an investigator for the Texas Forest Service. This statement is my best recollection of events preceding and following the fire that occurred Sunday, September 4, 2011, on the easement in front of my property at 159 Schwantz Ranch Road in rural Bastrop County. This is my first written statement of those events. I have voluntarily given oral statements, without any legal representation present, to investigators and representatives from law enforcement agencies, various insurance companies, and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. Law enforcement representatives have not advised me of any constitutional or statutory rights that may attach or apply to any oral statement I have previously and voluntarily made to them or to this written statement I have voluntarily given to them. All times of day in this statement are approximated and all statements of fact and sequences of events are derived from my own experience, from collaboration with my wife, Marla Collins Grimes, and my son, Walter Andrew Grimes, and their best recollection of events, and from a brief review of my call log on my cell phone.

On Sunday, September 4, 2011, shortly after 2 p.m., my wife and I arrived at the entry gate to the driveway of our home at 159 Schwantz Ranch Road in rural Bastrop County after a shopping trip in Austin. There were high winds with frequent gusts and it was an extremely hot day. When I got out to open the gate, I noticed that it looked like part of a tree was on the power line near a pole on the easement in front of our property. I walked down to the pole while my wife waited in the truck at the gate. The part of the tree that was on the power line was still connected to its trunk and it appeared that the tree had broken in the middle and that the top part with the tree's crown was touching and leaning on the wire. I was standing on the easement road about 20 feet away and was reluctant to approach any closer. I did not observe any other trees or limbs on the line in that area nor were there any sparks or flames at that time. I returned to the truck at the gate, we drove up to the house, and I decided that I should call Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative to report an obstruction on the line.

I went to my bedroom to look for phone numbers in the 2008-2009 phonebook to contact Bluebonnet. Beginning at approximately 2:30, I called the phone numbers that were listed for the Bastrop and Giddings offices (one of the Giddings numbers was a "disconnected" number) and received automated messages at each of those numbers saying the office was closed and that in the case of outages to call the outage line. I called the outage line both times hoping to immediately access a separate emergency contact number. I did not locate an emergency number during that period and did not report an outage because our power was still on. After the last call, I was frustrated and sat and rested in my bedroom as I tried to determine what I should do next.

I am unsure how long it was before our neighbor, Diane Harboe at 174 Schwantz Ranch Road, called my cell phone to tell me that there was fire coming up their pasture to their house, that they were leaving, and that they had called already called 911. I immediately left the bedroom and called out to my wife and son, who were inside the house, that there was fire on the easement and that Diane had just called. My wife asked if 911 had been called, I said yes, and she stated her intention to immediately gather my medicines (I am a kidney transplant patient) and to load our pets and the medicines into the truck and stage the truck for a quick exit. My son and I ran outside to look at the tree line in front of the house to see if fire was approaching. We saw heavy smoke coming up from the easement but blowing away from the area. We did not see flames at that point.

After seeing the smoke and determining the wind's direction was not changing, I decided to go closer to the forest to see if we could establish a perimeter. My son also decided that someone also needed to see if the fire was spreading toward our gate, the only exit from our property. He left to do that and I turned on the faucet of the garden hose that I always keep connected and started walking toward the smoke on the easement, through the forest, taking that long hose from the front yard area along with extra lengths of hose that were in the immediate area around the house. My son gathered another shorter hose and ran down to the driveway gate where there is a water faucet and attached that hose to another hose that was already attached at that faucet for watering a distressed young pine. I started hosing down flames and hotspots, with my son and wife shortly joining me as described below, and we didn't stop actively putting out flames and hotspots until about 11 that night when my other son, his wife, and three of their friends arrived from Austin and started putting out hot spots.

As I stated earlier, my son, Walter, had gone down to the easement while I pulled hoses toward the tree line and started spraying the fire. He said he stayed in the area on the easement for only a short while (I don't know for how long) because the high wind was quickly blowing the fire away from our gate. The hoses he had connected were also not long enough and the water pressure was not strong enough to reach flames that were spreading away from the gate. He turned the water off and that increased water pressure at my hose and he ran back up the driveway, helped my wife load our very large dog into the truck bed before he gathered a bucket from our garden area, and met back up with me to attempt to staunch the fires that were then threatening to climb trees. He would pull the hose when I followed the perimeter of the fire to keep the hose from tangling in the thicket and, once I had enough slack in the hose to walk through the thicket and put out hot spots, he would dig up sand with his hands and push it in the bucket and then dump the sand on flames.

My wife, after she put all the animals in the truck and after she helped cut the fence for the Harboes so they could drive their truck out of their pasture, then started bringing drinking water to me and my son and was running between the hotspots we were fighting to identify other areas that were spreading and threatening to get in trees. I do not remember when the first fire truck arrived but we had already run hoses to the fire and my wife had already cut the Harboes out of their pasture before the first truck arrived. The fire fighters stayed on the easement and did not come up our driveway. I do not know how many trucks were on the easement. My wife, my son, and I would take occasional breaks to get our bearings as to where we were in relation to a safe exit from the thicket and to catch our breath.

I was completely focused on controlling the direction of the fire and staying out of heavy smoke because of my health issues. I cannot clearly recreate the precise sequence or timing of events that happened after we started fighting the fire in front of the house. There were fire fighters coming through the area throughout the day and I recall speaking with one of them. We all stayed on the fire line after my other son arrived and kept putting out hotspots and one particularly bad flare up at a cedar. I occasionally sat down to rest as the rest of my family and friends worked. In the early hours, sometime after midnight, bulldozers arrived to make a fire lane and we moved farther away from the tree line for safety. I do not remember who had told us earlier in the day that the bulldozers were coming, but we heard them coming in the distance after my other son had arrived to help. The

bulldozers cut the fire lane and kept going across the easement. We kept putting out hotspots until around 3 a.m. when an outbuilding in the middle of a stand of mature trees at the Harboe's place burst into flames. We became concerned that our only exit would become surrounded because of that new flame. We left our property at approximately 3 a.m. on Monday, September 5, 2012, and there were no fire trucks or firefighters present when we left. Later that morning, after we had returned to put out hotspots (some of which were significant), to get an idea of whether our house was still at risk, and to provide information to any authorities who were on site, I was on the easement looking at the site where the tree had been on the line the previous day. At that time, there was an investigator on the easement. I believe he was with the Texas Forest Service but I'm not sure exactly of the time. I believe his first name was Greg and his last name started with a "V." I told this person about seeing the obstruction on the line the day before, I pointed to a limb that was still hanging on the line in the same place, and I pointed to the pile of limbs below. At that time in my presence this person placed tape on the pile of limbs I had pointed out.

This statement is given voluntarily and is my best recollection of these events. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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