# INCIDENT REPORT

## INCIDENT

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| Fire Department: | Garden Grove Fire Department |
| Incident Number: | G1503695 |
| Exposure Number: | 00 |
| Multi-Agency IC#: | 15-031937 |
| Incident Date: | 03/30/15 |
| Dispatch Time: | 03:52:47 |
| Arrival Time: | 03:57:47 |
| Controlled Time: | |
| Ending Time: | 05:26:21 |
| First-In Company: | GE3 |
| District | G2625 |
| Incident Type: | Building fire |
| Mutual Aid: | None |
| Method of Alarm: | Telephone |
| Type of Weather: | |
| Air Temperature | 60 |
| Address, CSZ: | DOIG JR HI SCH, 12752 TRASK AV |
| Census Tract: | |
| Fire Haz Sev Zone: | Medium |

## RESOURCES & CASUALTIES

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| Actions Taken 1: | Fire control or extinguishment, other |
| Actions Taken 2: | |
| Actions Taken 3: | |
| #Apparatus Resp Engine: | 0 |
| #Apparatus Resp Trk: | 1 |
| #Apparatus Resp Med: | 1 |
| #Apparatus Resp Oth: | 2 |
| Fire Svs Injury: | 0 |
| Fire Svs Fatal: | 0 |
| Non-FS Injury: | 0 |
| Non-FS Fatal: | 0 |

## PROPERTY & STUDIES

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| Property Losses: | $100 |
| Content Losses: | $5,000 |
| Property Value: | |
| Contents Value: | |
| Insurance Co: | |
| Building Ins: | |
| Mixed Prop Use: | |
| Property Use: | High school/junior high school/middle sc |
| Detector | |

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Hazmat Rel: None
Critical Inc:
Special Studies:

## FIRE/ EXPLOSION SITUATION

Residential Units:
Bldgs. Involved:
Acres Burned:
On-Site Mat/Stor:
Area of Origin: Common room, den, family room, living room, lounge
Heat Source: Lighter: cigarette, cigar
First Item: Magazine, newspaper, writing paper
Confined to Object:
Material Type:
Factor Causing: Intentional
Contributing Factors 1: None
Contributing Factors 2:
Human Factor Cont 1: Multiple persons involved
Human Factor Cont 2:
Human Factor Cont 3:
Age
Sex
Equip Involved: None
Equip Brand:
Equip Model:
Equip Serial Number:
Equip Year:
Equip Power Source:
Equip Portability:
Mobile Prop Inv:
Mobile Prop Type:
Mobile Prop Make:
Mobile Prop Model:
Mobile Prop Year:
Mobile Prop Lic. Plate:
Mobile Prop Lic. State:
Mobile Prop VIN Number:
Mobile Prop Stolen?:
Suppression Factors:

## STRUCTURE FIRE

Type:
Status: Enclosed building
# St Above Grnd: Occupied and operating
# St Below Grnd: 1

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Main Floor Size: 0
Fire Origin: 800
Extent of Flame: Common room, den, family room, living ro
Number of Stories DamageConfined to object of origin
Minor:
Sign:
Heavy;
Extreme:
Auto Ext Sys: Present
AES Type:
AES Operation:
# Sprinkler Heads:
AES Failure Reason:
Detectors: Not present
Detector Type:
Det. Power Supply:
Det. Operation:
Det. Effectiveness:
Det. Failure Reason:

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Agency Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone:
Their Case No.
Their ORI:
Their FID:
Their FDID:
Case Status:
Avail of Mat:
Motivation Factors 1:
Motivation Factors 2:
Motivation Factos 3:
Group Involvement 1:
Group Involvement 2:
Group Involvement 3:
Entry Method:
Extent of Fire:
Container:
Ignit Device:
Fuel:
Other Inv Info 1:
Other Inv Info 2:
Other Inv Info 3:
Property Ownership:
Int Observations 1:

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Int Observations 2:
Int Observations 3:
Lab Used 1:
Lab Used 2:
Lab used 3:

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COMMENTS

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***** GE3 *****

MEDICAL AIDE

GE3 RESPONDED WITH A FULL ASSIGNMENT TO DOIG INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOR A REPORTED FIRE. GGPD DIRECTED US TO A OFFICE THAT WAS SLIGHTLY CHARGED WITH SMOKE. THE OFFICERS STATED THAT THEY HAD EXTINGUISHED A SMALL FIRE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.
THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED TO A SMALL AREA. PAPER PRODUCTS WERE USED FOR THE FUEL SOURCE WITH A METAL LIGHTER AS INGNITION SOURCE.
SMOKE WAS REMOVED BY THE TRUCK COMPANY.
SCENE WAS INVESTIGATED BY ENG. JACOBS.

**Garden Grove Fire Department**
**Origin and Cause Report**

Incendiary Fire
12752 Trask Ave Garden Grove
03/30/2015 03:52 hours
GGFD Incident 15-03695

## INTRODUCTION

**Origin and Cause Investigation includes:**

- **Written Reports**
- **Interviews**

## NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE

At 03:52 on 03/30/2015, I was dispatched to a structure fire at 12752 Trask Ave in Garden Grove. I arrived at 03:57 on Grove truck 1 and presented myself to the Incident Commander, Battalion Chief Green. He informed me that a fire had occurred near the main office.

## WEATHER (Weather Underground)

The weather at the time of my response was calm. The winds were calm. The temperature was approximately 61 degrees. The weather had no effect on the fire.

## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The structure is a wood frame with a brick exterior and drywall interior.

**Utilities:**

### Electrical

Edison provides the properties electrical service. The structures electrical system is supplied by underground feed that is attached to a meter and panel. The electrical power to the property was determined to have been on at the time the fire occurred.

### Natural Gas or Other Fuel

The gas service is provided by the Southern California Gas Company, and was on at the time of the fire.

## Water

Domestic water service is provided to the structure via the city utility. The water was on at the time of the fire.

### Fire Protection and Detection Systems:

The examination of the structure revealed that it had been equipped with a fire protection system, but it did not go off during this event. It also had a security system that did not go off. The school was under construction and the custodians were not aware that the systems were not functioning properly.

### Condition of Structure at time of Investigation:

The fire was contained to the object first ignited; the box of envelops. There was no damaged to the structure.

### Reported Injuries

At the time of my fire scene examination, I did not learn of any injuries as a result of this fire.

### Identification of Reporting Party

The fire was first observed and reported by the Garden Grove Police officers on scene.

## FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION

### Exterior Examination

I began my exterior examination of the loss property at the west side of the structure. Beginning the examination from the main office door to the west I saw no fire or smoke damage to the exterior of the building.

### Interior Examination

Subsequent to the completion of my exterior examination of the loss property, I entered into the structure through the front door of the main office to the west side of the building. I observed no fire damage to the main office, I then moved to the copy/break room, which is south of the main office through an office door and observed no fire damage to that room. I then moved into the supply room that is located between the main office and the copy/break room, I observed smoke in this room and it was coming from a cabinet located on the north wall. The powder from a fire extinguisher was present as well in this area. I then located a box of envelopes that had been on

fire, and I removed it from the cabinet and took it outside on the east side of the building. There was no fire damage to the supply room.

**INTERVIEWS**

Name Officer Starnes
Address 11301 Acacia Pkwy. Garden Grove
Phone # 714-741-5710
Relation to Fire: Garden Grove Police Officer

Officer Starnes stated that he crawled through an open window to the office on the east side of the building. He stated that there was damage to the doorsill on the east side office door.

Name Officer Laverty
Address 11301 Acacia Pkwy. Garden Grove
Phone # 714-741-5710
Relation to Fire: Garden Grove Police Officer

Officer Laverty stated that he and Officer Nguyen grabbed a fire extinguisher and went into the supply room and extinguished the fire.

The officers were at this location responding to a call of suspicious circumstances, reported from a nearby resident.

**EXAMINATION OF POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCES**

**Structures Electrical System:**

The structures electrical system was did not contribute to this fire.

**Electrical Contents:**

Examination of the electrical contents in the area of origin were ruled out has having contributed to this fire.

**Gas Appliances and Gas Distribution System:**

Gas Appliances and /or the gas distribution system did not contribute to this fire.

**Exhaust Flues:**

Exhaust flues did not contribute to this fire.

**Smoking Material:**

A Zippo lighter was found in the office next to the supply closet. The lighter was found on a desk in front of the window that was used to enter the building.

**Candles/Incense (Open Flame):**

There were no candles or incense in the area of origin.

**Spontaneous Combustion:**

The elements for spontaneous combustion did not exist in the area of origin.

**Incendiary:**

Incendiary device did contribute to this fire.

**Cooking:**

Cooking did not contribute to this fire.

**Combustible Materials to Close to Heat Source:**

Combustibles to close to a heat source did not contribute to this fire.

**Evidence:**

Evidence was collected; refer to DR# 004401 for list.

**Additional Investigation:**

No additional investigation was conducted

**Ignition Source/Material First Ignited/Fire Development**

This fire's specific ignition source is believed to have been that of an open flame, it is my belief that the "Zippo" lighter found in the office is the device that started this fire. The material first ignited was a box of envelopes in the supply closet next to the office.

**Room of Origin**

The fire originated within a cabinet in the supply room next to the main office.

**CONCLUSION**

Based upon the fire scene examination and witness statements, it is the conclusion of this fire investigator the fire originated in the cabinet inside of the supply room, and was caused by an open flame device. This fire is ruled as incendiary.

**STATUS**

This investigation is closed.