

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

This is a statement by firefighter Craig Myer involving the 1209 Fern Call on 2/7/18. Engine 02 was dispatched to 1209 Fern, Building I for a malicious fire alarm pull at approximately 01:02am. Upon turning into 1209 Fern, Engine 2 proceeded to drive by buildings A, B, C and as we turned the corner to go by building D proceeding to Building I, we saw a shirtless female screaming and running northbound. Engine 02 proceeded to go to Building I to investigate the fire alarm. My role was D/O; I parked in front of Building I. Engine 02 LT and Hydrant Finder got out of vehicle and proceeded to Building I. I stayed in vehicle waiting to be able to hear radio traffic. I was approached by a bystander who knocked on the driver window and said he believes there is a domestic dispute up the street. Dispatch stated that LE were on scene and that it was clear for fire. I then proceeded to exit vehicle and walk up to Building D to be able to see around the corner to investigate, at that time I witnessed LE had someone restrained on the ground. I then proceeded back to Engine 02 where I was met by my LT. We decided to drive back around to the incident in front of Building C so that our vehicle would be closer to the incident in case we needed any supplies. We proceeded to exit from Building I southbound around Building F, proceeded to Fern St turning N on Fern St and reentering the complex Westbound between Building A & W. We arrived on scene and got out to witness 3 OPD officers restraining a female patient, face down, handcuffed on the ground. I asked them if they needed help restraining and they said "no". By this time we were waiting for Medic 10 to arrive on scene to chemically restrain patient, per OPD's suggestion. While waiting for Medic 10, Engine 02 LT kneeled down at head of patient and was talking to patient the entire time. I proceeded to go to Engine 02 to get a blanket to shield patient from bystanders recording incident. Patient was rambling incoherently but was talking. As Medic 10 arrived on scene, they asked me to grab a backboard and have LE take handcuffs off of patient. As I was waiting with backboard standing behind Officer Donald on the left side of patient, I proceeded to ask them again to take the handcuffs off patient once Medic 10 chemically restrained patient. As Medic 10 chemically restrained patient, I asked OPD once again to take handcuffs off patient to transfer her to the medic unit. OPD proceeded to take handcuffs off patient reluctantly and I noticed patient had gone limp no more than 30 seconds after Medic 10 had chemically restrained her in the left buttocks. Crews on scene at that time proceeded to roll patient onto backboard and picked up patient and put on Medic 10s gurney. Gurney was put into Medic 10 and we proceeded to do CPR. Medic 10 proceeded to go code to St. Peters Hospital.