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## FIRE REPORT - STRUCTURE

INCIDENT NUMBER: CME 2017 03 16 11 01

Location of Incident: **2350 MERRITT AVENUE  
MERRITT BC V1K1B8**

# of Occupants (At time of fire): **58**    # of Injured: **0**    # of Deaths: **0**    Total Dollar Loss Estimate: **s.21**

Related to Wildland Interface Fire: **NO**    Property Value: **s.21**    Content Value: **s.21**    )    Total Value at Risk: **s.21**

**Code Name :      Code Description**

PROPERTY COMPLEX : 3200 RESIDENTIAL - APARTMENT  
PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION : 3250 APARTMENT, TOWNHOUSE - OVER 20 UNITS WITH OR W/O BUSINESS  
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION : 2000 PROTECTED COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION - WOOD PROTECTED BY PLAST  
BUILDING HEIGHT : 0030 3 STORIES ABOVE GRADE  
GROUND FLOOR AREA : 4000 1001 TO 2500M2 (10765 - 26910FT2)  
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION : 1973 1973  
MANUAL FIRE PROTECTION : 4000 EXTINGUISHER ONLY  
OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION : 1000 PUBLIC HYDRANT PROTECTION & FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SPRINKLER PROTECTION : 7000 NO SPRINKLER PROTECTION  
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SYSTE : 2000 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - LOCAL (BUILDING ONLY)  
SMOKE ALARM OPERATION : 1000 ALARM ACTIVATED - ASSISTED OCCUPANT(S) IN EVACUATING  
INITIAL DETECTION : 7000 VISUAL SIGHTING OR OTHER MEANS OF PERSONAL DETECTION (E.G. S  
TRANSMISSION OF ALARM : 1000 911  
FIRE SERVICE : 3000 COMPOSITE - CAREER & VOLUNTEER/PAID-ON-CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
INCIDENT : 1000 FIRE - FIRE DEPARTMENT ATTENDED  
ACTION TAKEN : 3000 EXTINGUISHED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL : 4700 COMBINATIONS OF 38/42MM (1 1/2"/1 3/4"), 65MM (2 1/2"), 7  
FIRE ORIGIN, LEVEL : 3000 GROUND FLOOR, GRADE LEVEL OR GRADE TO 3M (10FT)  
FIRE ORIGIN, AREA : 3200 LAUNDRY AREA - INCLUDES WASH HOUSE  
EXTENT OF FIRE : 5000 CONFINED TO BUILDING OF ORIGIN  
EXTENT OF DAMAGE : 5000 CONFINED TO BUILDING OF ORIGIN  
IGNITING OBJECT : 0000 CANNOT BE DETERMINED  
FUEL OR ENERGY : 0000 CANNOT BE DETERMINED  
FORM OF HEAT : 0000 CANNOT BE DETERMINED  
MATERIAL FIRST IGNITED : 0000 CANNOT BE DETERMINED  
ACT OR OMISSION : 4900 MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL FAILURE/MALFUNCTION - UNCLASSIFIED (DE

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**Remarks:**

ON THE DAY OF THE FIRE THE FIRE CHIEF ARRIVED FIRST ON SCENE. THE FIRE CHIEF WAS MET BY THE PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE s.22 WHO STATED 'THE FIRE WAS OUT'. FURTHER INVESTIGATION PROVED THE FIRE WAS IN FACT STILL BURNING. FIRST IN FIREFIGHTING CREWS DESCRIBED THE FIRE INSIDE THE LAUNDRY ROOM AS: IN THE FLOOR AREA, MID-WAY IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE WHERE THE WALL MEETS THE FLOOR. CREWS THEN PULLED DRYWALL AND FLOORING IN THAT AREA TO ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH IT. CREWS THEN EXITED THE LAUNDRY ROOM AND ENTERED THE SUITE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE LAUNDRY ROOM. CREWS OBSERVED SMOKE AND FLAMES IN THE SUITE. THEY CUT A SECTION OUT OF THE FLOOR, PULLED DRYWALL OFF THE WALL AND CEILING AREA IN ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH THE VISIBLE FLAMES. CREWS THEN RETURNED TO THE LAUNDRY ROOM AND REMOVED MORE AREAS OF DRYWALL AND FLOORING IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE SPREAD OF FIRE. COMMAND SENT CREWS TO THE FLOORS ABOVE THE AREA OF ORIGIN. THE 2ND FLOOR CREWS REPORTED TO COMMAND THAT THEY OBSERVED HEAVY SMOKE AND HEAT. IT APPEARED TO HAVE EXTENDED UP AND WAS NOW CONTINUING TO BURN IN THE WALLS & FLOOR AREA. TACTICS OF FIRE SUPPRESSION WERE IMPLEMENTED TO EXTINGUISH IT. AFTER THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED, DUE TO HEAVY STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, ENTRY TO THE NORTH WING OF THE BUILDING WAS DEEMED UNSAFE BY A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER. A COMPANY WAS HIRED (NOT BY THE CITY), TO REMOVE THE 3 FLOORS ON THE NORTH WING WITH AN EXCAVATOR. WHEN MCKEOWN (INVESTIGATOR), ARRIVED ON THE DAY WHEN THE INVESTIGATION WAS TO TAKE PLACE, IT WAS IDENTIFIED THAT THE ROOM AND CONTENTS OF THE LAUNDRY ROOM (AREA OF ORIGIN), WERE NOT ABLE TO BE SALVAGED. THE EXCAVATOR OPERATOR REMOVED ALL THE CHARRED AND CRUSHED MATERIAL FROM THE AREA. THE INVESTIGATOR TOOK A COUPLE PICTURES OF THE BARE CEMENT 4' CRAWL SPACE WALLS THAT REMAINED. DARREN BERG, EXECUTIVE GENERAL ADJUSTER FOR CUNNINGHAM LINDSEY, SPOKE TO SPOKE TO s.22 AND ANOTHER TENANT FROM THE BUILDING WHO GAVE HIM A RECOUNT OF THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE EVENT FROM BEFORE FIRE CREWS HAD ARRIVED. THE TENANT HAD OBSERVED SMOKE AND FLAMES IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM AFTER s.2 HAD INITIALLY SPOKE TO s.22 AND HAD ASKED s.2 WHAT WAS HAPPENING. S. MCKEOWN SPOKE TO s.22 HAD REPORTED THAT s.2 HAD PLUGGED IN A CLOTHES DRYER FOR TENANTS TO USE AND IMMEDIATELY SAW ARCING, SPARKS, AND FLAMES. s.2 UNPLUGGED IT FROM THE WALL AND LEFT TO GET A FIRE EXTINGUISHER WITH THE DOOR CLOSING BEHIND s.22 s. RETURNED AND DISCHARGED THE EXTINGUISHER IN AND UNDER THE DRYER THAT HAD JUST BEEN ARCING. AFTER s.22 FULLY DISCHARGED THE EXTINGUISHER s. DEPARTED THE LAUNDRY ROOM WITH THE DOOR CLOSING BEHIND s.22

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FIRE REPORT - **STRUCTURE** (NAMES)

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Name no. : 1  
Name : MCKAY, MALCOM  
Address :  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
  
Claims Adjuster Name : 1. BERG , DARREN  
Claims Adjuster Firm : 1. CUNNINGHAM LINDSEY  
Claim Number : 1. **s.21**  
Insurance Company : 1. PREMIER MARINE CANADA  
Policy Number :

Name Status : OWNER  
Phone : **s.22**

LOSS ESTIMATES:

Property Loss : \$**s.21**

Content Loss : \$0

Total Loss : **s.21**

REMARKS:

THE BUILDING COVERAGE ON THE POLICY IS \$**s.21**

Name no. : **s.22**  
Name :  
Address : 2350 MERRITT AVE  
MERRITT BRITISH COLUMBIA V1K 1B8

Name Status : OCCUPANT  
Phone :

Claims Adjuster Name :  
Claims Adjuster Firm :  
Claim Number :  
Insurance Company :  
Policy Number :

LOSS ESTIMATES:

Property Loss : \$0

Content Loss : **s.22**

Total Loss : \$ **s.22**

REMARKS:

THE CONTENT LOSS FOR TENANTS WAS AVERAGED OUT AND A VALUE OF **s.22** WAS REFLECTED. THIS IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE AS FINAL NUMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO BE COLLECTED.

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