

Fire Prevention Receipt

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Receipt No: 749	Date 7/6/2022		
Type of service Investigative Reports			
Incident No: 11730-22			
Address 9521 - 23 Dinkins New Orleans LA			
Payment Method Money Order	Check Number 22-007002953	Payment Amount \$50.00	Clerk RJJ
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NOFD FIRE REPORT

BASIC

Exposure Number: 0
 Incident Number: 11730-22
 PSAP Date Time: 03/07/2022 07:04:29
 Alarm Date Time: 03/07/2022 07:05:33
 Arrival Date Time: 03/07/2022 07:13:26
 Controlled Date Time: 03/07/2022 07:40:13
 Last Unit Cleared Date Time: 03/07/2022 09:39:59
 Incident Status: Reviewed
 Platoon: A
 Incident Type: 111-Building fire
 Aid Given or Received: None
 Type of Alarm: 1 Alarm
 Primary Action Taken: 11-Extinguishment by fire service personnel
 Casualties:
 Suppression Apparatus: 9
 Suppression Personnel: 27
 Property Losses(est): \$101600
 Content Losses(est): \$30480
 Property Pre-Incident Value(est): \$101500
 Contents Pre-Incident Value(est): \$
 Detector Effectiveness:
 Property Use: 4190-2 family dwelling
 Incident Location Type: 1-Street address
 Address: 9521 DINKINS
 Incident Zone Number: 4013-04

SITUATION

Initial CAD Code: DWELL
 Incident Delay: NONE

PERSON INVOLVED

Person/Owner Involved

Person or Entity Involved Type

Unknown

FIRE

Structure Type: 1-Enclosed building
Number of Residential Living Units: 2
Number of Buildings Involved:
Area of Fire Origin: 24-Cooking area, kitchen
Heat Source: Undetermined
Item First Ignited: Undetermined
Type of Material First Ignited:
Fire Spread Confined to Object of Origin: N-No
Cause of Ignition: 5-Cause under investigation
Factors Contributing to Ignition: Undetermined
Human Factors Contributing to Ignition: None
Fire Suppression Factors: None
Equipment Involved in Ignition: None
Power Source of Equipment:
Portability of Equipment:
Mobile Property Involved in Ignition: None
Type of Mobile Property:
Make of Mobile Property:
Model of Mobile Property:
Year of Mobile Property:
License Plate Number of Mobile Property:
VIN Number of Mobile Property:

STRUCTURE

Building Status: 1-Under construction
Story of Fire Origin: 1
Main Floor Length In Feet (est):
Main Floor Width In Feet (est):
Main Floor Total Square Feet (est): 1064
Fire Spread: 5-Beyond building of origin
Item Contributing Most to Flame Spread:
Type of Material Contributing Most to Flame Spread:
Presence of Detectors: 1-Present
Detector Type: 1-Smoke
Detector Power Supply: 1-Battery only
Detector Operation: Undetermined
Presence of AES: N-None Present

ARSON

Arson Case Status:
Arson Availability of Material First Ignited:
Arson Suspected Factor:
Arson Group Involvement:
Arson Extent of Fire Involvement:
Arson Property Ownership:

NEW ORLEANS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Unit	Dispatch	Arrival	Clear	Apparatus Action	Type
Personnel Rank Or Grade					
				LIONEL DAVIS	FF
				WILLIAM PARKS	CAPT
				KAITLIN TODD	PFF
R07	07:06:10	07:21:18	08:22:43	81S-Safety	71-Rescue unit
Personnel Rank Or Grade					
				Jermaine Taylor	FF
				JOHNATHAN DIGGS	FF
				JERMAINE PERRY	OPER
				PAUL STEELE	CAPT
S07	07:22:51	07:22:58	08:23:53	12-Salvage & overhaul	11-Engine
Personnel Rank Or Grade					
				DEVIN LUCIEN	PFF
				CRAIG BOURG	Captain
				JEFFREY SMITH	FF
				GRANT RODRIGUEZ	FF

AUTHORITY

Officer in Charge - Signature: CATCHOT, RANDY
Member Making Report - Signature: CATCHOT, RANDY

NARRATIVES**Unit Apparatus Narrative**

711 Assisted 713.

713 Signal 52FU – Undetermined Fire Investigation – 9521 Dinkins Street, New Orleans, LA 70128
 Fire Incident # 11730-22 Item# N/A

Assigned to NOFD Investigators – Ja'Ronne Carter and Laval Franklin, on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:44 AM.

Primary Victim: Bridget Dyer, Owner of 9521/23 Dinkins St., New Orleans, La 70128 (according to the Orleans Tax Assessor's Office)

Gist:

NOFD Arson Investigators Ja'Ronne Carter, badge #713 and Laval Franklin, badge #711, manning unit #4299; received a call on Monday, March 7, 2022, at approximately 7:40 AM, that the New Orleans Fire Department was at 9521 Dinkins Street extinguishing a working 1-alarm fire to a multi-family residence. The facts and circumstances regarding the subsequent investigation are as follows:

Fire Suppression Brief:

Upon arrival, the Investigators met Engine #36 commanded by Captain Randy Catchot. Capt. Catchot explained that upon their arrival to the scene, they observed fire coming from the windows on the alpha (front) side, but heavy fire coming from the windows on the bravo (left), charlie (rear) corner of an unoccupied, two (2) unit, multi-family residential dwelling, two-story, wood frame with a hardy plank exterior wall surface, constructed on a concrete slab foundation. Catchot advised the Investigators that firefighters utilized conventional fire suppression techniques from the exterior and interior to control and ultimately extinguish the 1-alarm free burning fire.

Catchot further stated that no flames were discovered on the interior of the adjacent unit (9523) during initial fire suppression operations.

Other Participating Fire Investigation / Agencies

The NOFD Investigator received assistance from no outside Investigators or agencies.

Structure / Construction Type / Occupancy

The structure at 9521/23 Dinkins Street, was observed to be an unoccupied two-story (constructed on a concrete slab foundation), wood frame, 2-unit, residential building, with functioning public service utilities.

Exterior Scene Observation

Upon conducting the preliminary exterior scene investigation, the Investigators observed a two-story, two-unit (9521 and 9523) residential building. The structure was observed to have fire and smoke damage to unit 9521 only. Damage was observed to the alpha (front), first and second-floor exterior, the bravo (left) first and second-floor exterior and the charlie (rear) first and second floor of the unit. The Investigators observed that the heaviest area of fire and smoke damage was found to the charlie (rear) side wall and the bravo (left) sides of the exterior walls of the kitchen and dining area of the first floor of the unit. No exterior damage was observed on unit 9523.

Interior Scene Observation

The Investigators entered the first floor of unit 9521 via the front entry door which accessed the living room area. The Investigators observed heavy fire and smoke damage throughout the first-floor area. Further examination of

the first floor demonstrated a progression of heavy char damage that extended from the kitchen area, which was the last room on the first floor of the unit. During examination, Investigators observed several miscellaneous items and furniture stored throughout the first-floor area that were damaged as a result of the fire. The Investigators then began to investigate a possible ignition source, but was met with negative results. The investigators could not conduct an interior examination of the second floor of the residence due to unsafe conditions created after the fire incident which caused major deterioration of the floor joists and supports from direct contact with the fire.

Area of Origin

A closer examination into the area of the fire's origin revealed that a fire most likely initiated at the rear kitchen wall in the wall's concealed space near the ceiling or by some external heat source at or near the exterior of the wall. The fire caused major damage to the kitchen area, rear wall of unit 9521 and partial collapse of the second floor just above the kitchen. The fire then extended throughout the first floor into the living room and dining areas causing the stored furniture and personal items to ignite and burn through radiant heat transferred from the original fire. At the conclusion of the investigation, the fire's cause could not be determined.

No samples were collected, all unintentional/accidental heat sources to this fire's ignition could not be eliminated.

Interviews

The Investigators interviewed Ms. Bridget Dyer, the owner of the residence at 9521/23 Dinkins Street. She explained that unit 9521 was unoccupied but that she was storing furniture and personal items on the first floor of the unit after moving them from the adjacent unit (9523) on the day prior to the fire. She also advised that the unit had no power prior to the scheduled activation on the morning of the fire. Ms. Dyer explained that she and her fiancé, Frank Jackson, have been conducting renovations and clean-up at the 9523 residence to lease it to a prospective tenant and was storing paint and floor staining materials in a large plastic storage bin left on the rear patio of unit 9521. She explained that although they had begun cleanup of 9523, they had not opened the paint cans and floor staining materials and were just storing them in the storage bin until they were ready to use them.

Ms. Dyer explained that she and Jackson were last at the residence cleaning up and moving personal items on the day prior to the fire incident, Sunday, before leaving at about 11:30 am. She explained that no one had been to the residence since then and prior to the fire. Ms. Dyer explained that she has a CCTV security service that she can monitor the exterior of the home and has a video recording function that is activated by motion. She then reviewed and displayed the recent footage to the Investigators. The footage revealed that there was no motion detected or recordings saved between Sunday, March 6th and the initiation of the fire when motion from smoke trigger the recording.

Conclusion

At the conclusion of his investigation, the Investigators could not establish what initiated the fire in or near the kitchen of unit 9521 and that it is unclear if human intervention was a requirement to produce the initial fire. The Investigators deemed it necessary to document this incident as an undetermined fire for the following reasons:

(1) According to the owner of the residence, there was no power active at the residence prior to the fire incident, however, Entergy was tasked with remotely activating the electrical services to unit 9521 on the day of the fire and the time of the activation could not be verified with Entergy as this activation is done remotely.

(2) According to the owner of the residence, there were several paint cans and floor staining materials that were stored in a large plastic bin on the rear patio outside of the rear wall and under the kitchen window. However, she explained that the items were only recently stored and had never been opened. During investigation of the area, there was no identifiable storage containers and only can lids that remained on the rear patio near the wall after the fire incident.

The Investigators, during their subsequent investigation, produced no competent accidental or intentional heat source to the fire's ignition on the interior or exterior of the fire's area of origin.

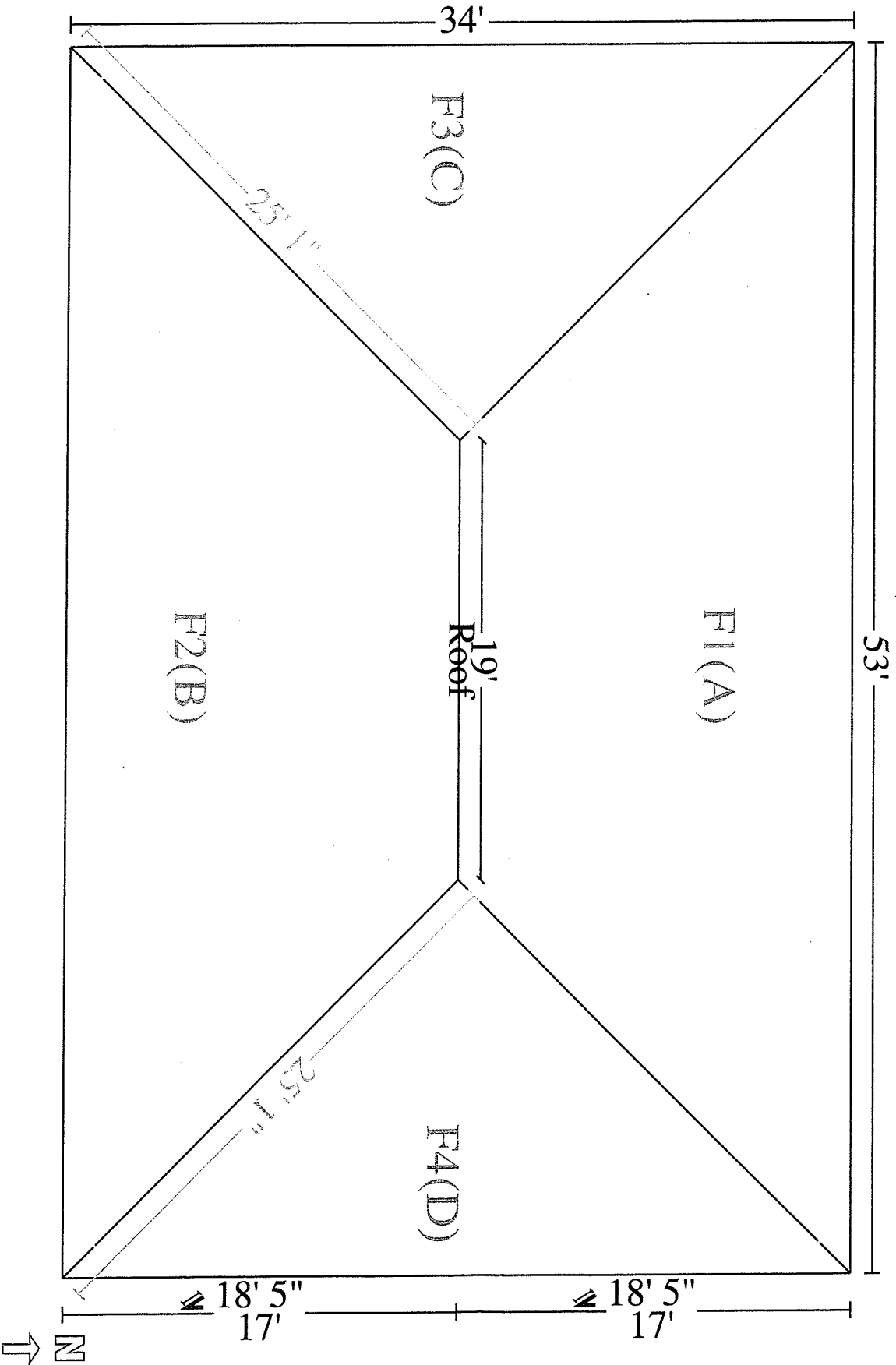
C503 Arrived on scene as Safety Officer. Assessed the condition of the building and searched for any other possible hazards. Entered building to ensure members were properly dressed out in full turn out gear and were operating in a safe manner.

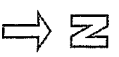
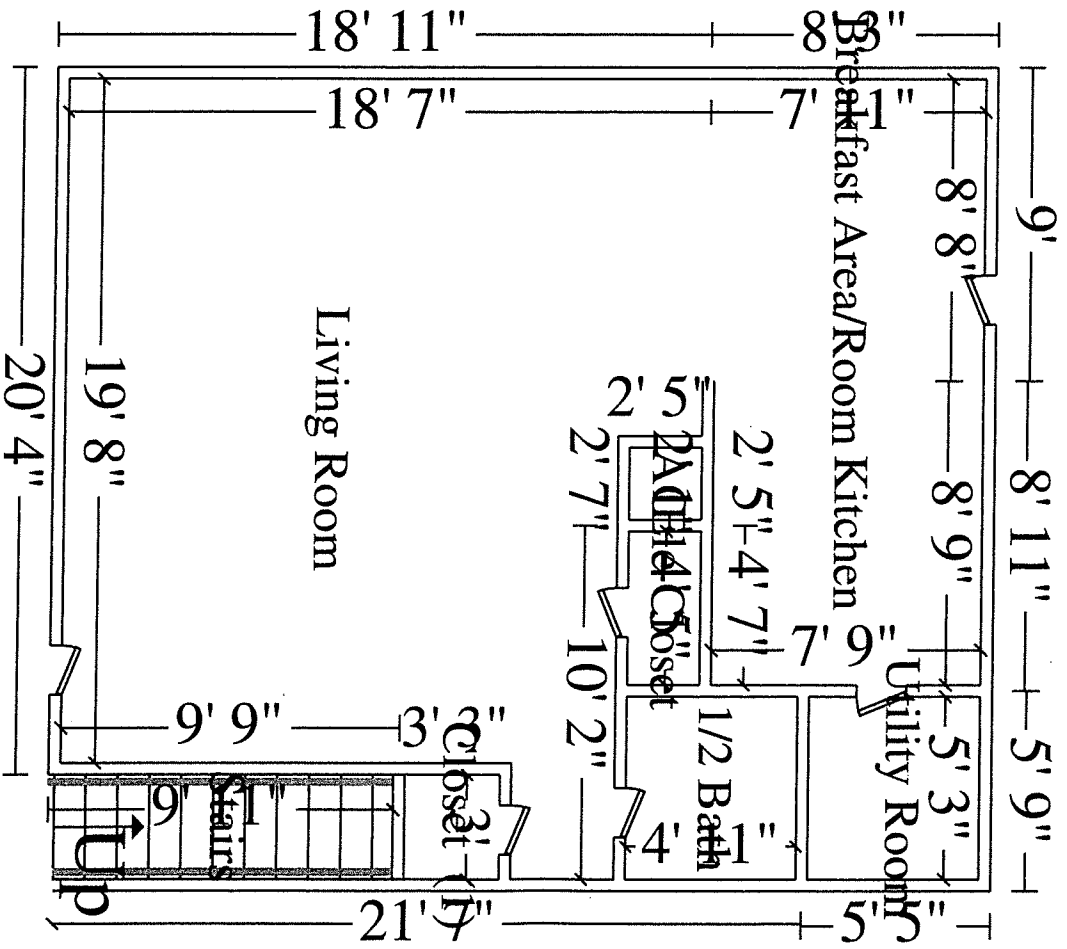
- C504 504 was IC. Working fire in two-story double dwelling (vacant, under repair). Heavy fire on 1st floor, 2nd floor, and attic upon arrival. Minor damage to B exposure. Requested fire investigator. 711 (Laval) and 713 (Carter) responded.
- E04 E4 searched for fire extension inside connected delta side apartment. Afterward we entered primary fire building and assisted with extinguishing first floor hot spots.
- E10 E10 arrived on the scene and assisted with fire knock down and overhaul.
- E12 Assisted E36 w/ suppression and overhaul.
- E36 E36 arrived on scene of a working fire in a two story wood framed dwelling. Upon arrival on scene E36 was met with heavy fire coming from the windows on the Alpha side, as well as heavy fire coming from the windows on the Charlie Delta corner. E36 pulled a line between the buildings to protect the exposure on the Bravo side and knock flames down coming from the rear of the residence. E36 then went to the attic to begin hitting hot spots. E36 remained on scene to assist investigators
- L13 L13 forced entry into the Delta exposure, conducted a primary search, and discovered the residence was unoccupied at the time. L13 assisted with overhaul and loading handlines back onto E36 until being relieved by the captain of E36. L13 returned to service.
- R07 RIC until fire under control. Forced rear security door for access/egress.
- Overhaul on B/C corner.
- Assisted in picking up hose. Provided SCBA tanks.
- S07 Assisted with overhaul operations.

Attachments

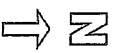
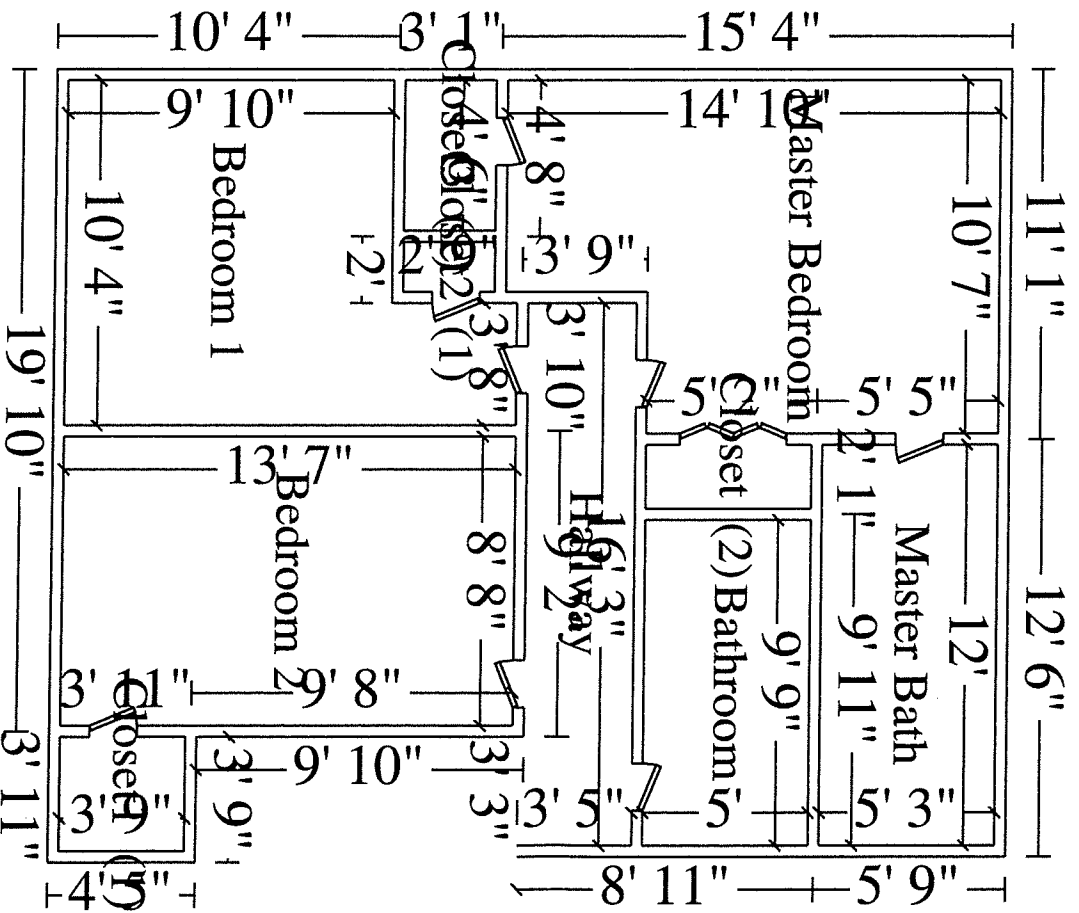
APPARATUS

Unit	Dispatch	Arrival	Clear	Apparatus Action	Type
711	08:09:25	08:09:32	09:36:20	86-Investigate	00-Other apparatus/resource
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
LAVAL FRANKLIN				INSP	
713	07:54:40	08:09:46	09:36:25	86-Investigate	00-Other apparatus/resource
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
JARONNE CARTER				INSP	
C503	07:06:10	07:21:22	08:36:02	81S-Safety	92-Chief officer car
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
JON BIALAS				DC	
C504	07:06:10	07:16:20	08:33:49	11-Extinguishment by fire service personnel	92-Chief officer car
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
PAUL HELLMERS				DC	
E04	07:06:10	07:14:08	08:50:50	11-Extinguishment by fire service personnel	11-Engine
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
Timothy Buckner				FF	
ANTONIUS GRAYER				Operator	
LARRY MEYERS				Captain	
KRISTOPHER WINDER				FF	
E10	07:06:10	07:13:39	08:59:30	12-Saivage & overhaul	11-Engine
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
Alec Mulvihill				FF	
Kyle Webber				FF	
JOSEPH JURISICH IV				CAPT	
E12	07:06:10	07:16:20	09:14:51	12-Salvage & overhaul	11-Engine
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
GERALD ELWOOD				OPER	
CLARENCE WHITE IV				OPER	
GREGORY JINKS				PFF	
E36	07:06:10	07:13:29	09:39:59	11-Extinguishment by fire service personnel	11-Engine
				Personnel Rank Or Grade	
MILES HERKENDER				FF	
ROBERT YOUNG				PFF	
RANDY CATCHOT				CAPT	
CHARLES FORTENBERRY				PFF	
L13	07:06:10	07:13:26	08:59:11	21-Search	12-Truck or aerial

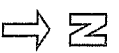
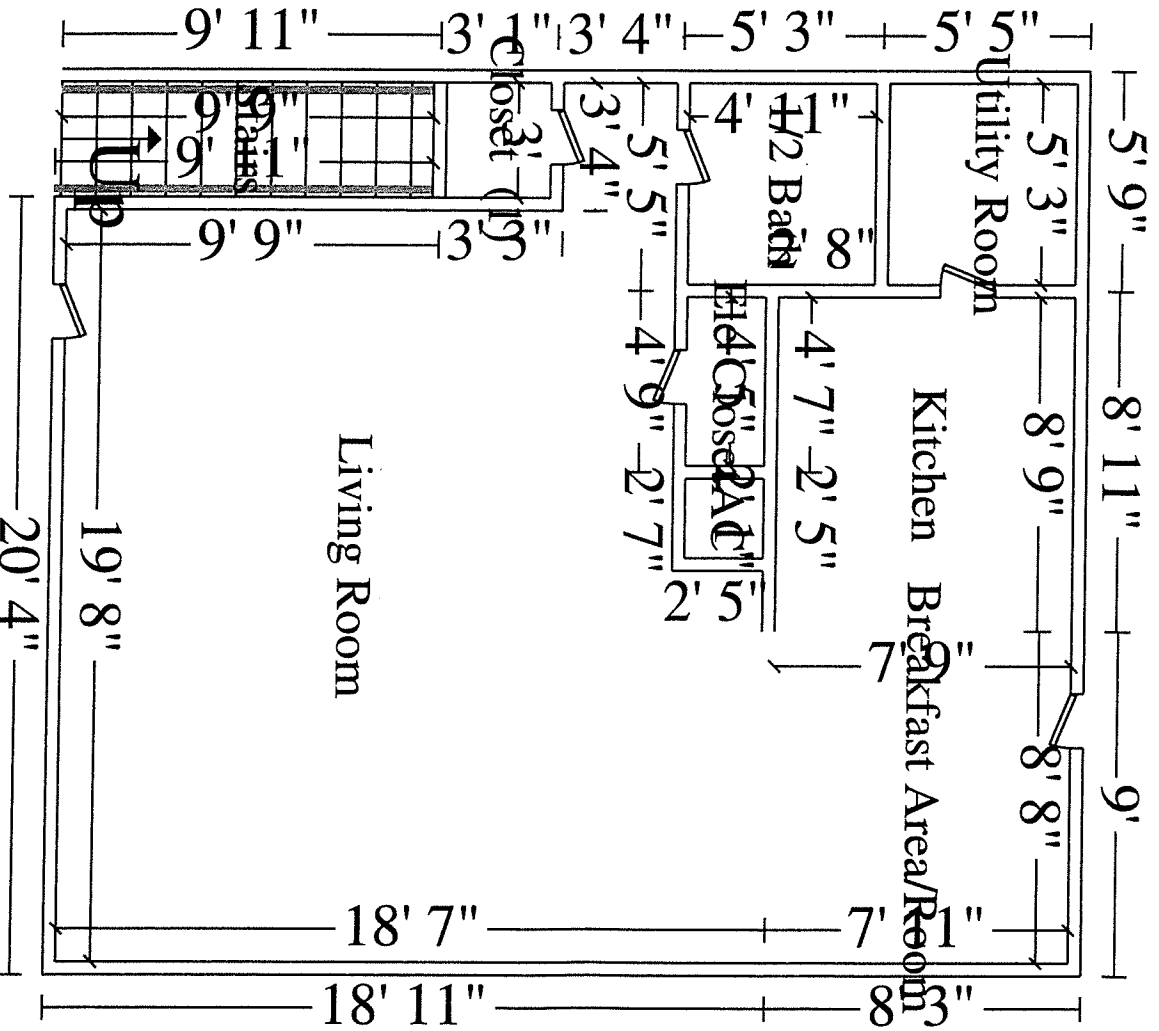


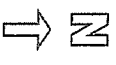
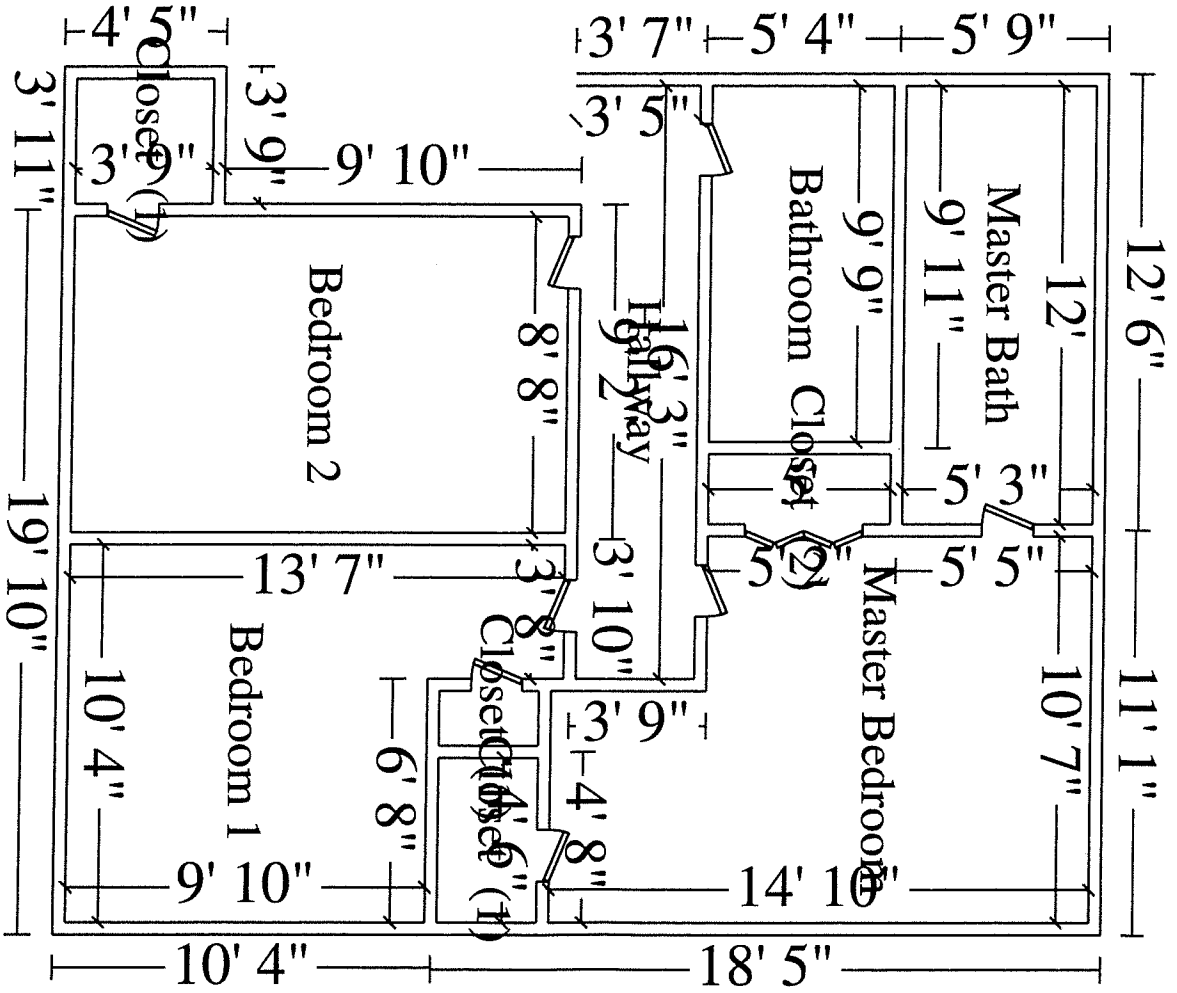


Main Level



Level 2





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