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NAME & TITLE	Stephen Canter, Battalion Chief 2/D	BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT	
UNIT OR BUREAU	Second Battalion		
SUBJECT	Water Taxi Incident - March 6, 2004		
		SPECIAL REPORT	

Date: July 21, 2004

TO Mr. William J. Goodwin Jr.
Chief of Fire Department

Respectfully submit the following report, giving a brief synopsis of actions taken at the scene of an overturned water taxi craft that occurred in the Patapsco River on March 6, 2004. Also included in this report is a list of units and personnel that responded, up to the point that all victims recovered were treated and transported to hospitals.

At 1603 Hrs., a water rescue assignment was dispatched to 1201 Halsey Place for a report of an overturned vessel. This assignment consisted of Battalion Chief 2, Engine 26, Truck 6, Rescue 1, Fireboat 1, Fire Rescue Boat 1, Scuba 1, Medic 5, EMS2, and Safety Officer 2. While enroute, it was learned that the fireboat units were already actively engaged in the incident. Battalion Chief 2 requested a status report. When the type of craft and the number of victims was relayed, Battalion Chief 2 requested response of all on-duty scuba divers. This would eventually bring five on-duty dive personnel to the scene.

Upon arrival at the scene, incident command was established (BC2). Fire Rescue Boat 1 arrived at the pier of Fireboat 1 station (scene of command post) with an unconscious juvenile female, who was immediately attended to by Medic personnel. It was learned that a Naval Reserve vessel had retrieved a large number of victims, and was returning to dock. Command ordered EMS 2 to meet the vessel, and establish triage for victims. The site for this was the Naval Reserve Center, which is adjacent to the Fireboat station. Additional Medic units were requested by Command and told to report to this location and coordinate with EMS 2.

The Fire Rescue Boat was retained and used to transport the divers that were arriving on the scene. They were taken out to the overturned boat where Fireboat 1 was already operating. Subsequently, additional personnel arrived which enabled Command to activate the reserve fireboat, and Fire Rescue Boat 2. Command had also requested response of all off-duty Dive Team personnel.

It was learned from the pilot of the affected vessel, that a total of 25 passengers and crew were on board at the time of the mishap. There was a report of a casualty transported to the city dock at 2601 Boston Street (opposite side of river). An assignment of Engine 5, Truck 3, Battalion Chief 1, and Medic 16 were dispatched to this location. This single victim was the only casualty taken to Boston Street. This Boston Street assignment was also used to comb the shoreline on their side of the river, in case someone had been able to swim to shore. No additional victims were located in that area.

There was a total of 22 victims attended to by emergency personnel. After these persons were accounted for and treated, on scene personnel established a search for the 3 remaining victims which eventually was relegated to a recovery operation. This continued, on this particular date, until approximately 2400Hrs.

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Listed below are the units and personnel assigned, that responded in the initial stages of the Water Taxi Incident on March 6, 2004:

INITIAL DISPATCH:

- 1) Battalion Chief 2 - BC2/D Stephen Canter (BLS) ^①
- 2) Engine 26 - Acting Lieutenant Patrick Courtney D/4 (BLS, Diver), Pump Operator (PO) Thomas Ecker D/3 (BLS), Firefighter Paramedic Apprentice (FPA) Christopher Cullen D/6 (BLS), FPA Kevin Ryan B/2 Truck 15 (BLS)
- 3) Truck 6 - Act. Lt. Timothy Smith D/6 (BLS), Emergency Vehicle Driver (EVD) Samuel Hadel D/5 (BLS), EVD Larry Baker D/2 (BLS), Firefighter Paramedic (FPM) John Brokos D/1 (ALS)
- 4) Rescue 1 - Act. Lt. Thomas Kearney D/6 (BLS-Diver), EVD Brian Britcher D/3 (ALS), FPM William Jones D/1 (ALS), Firefighter (FF) John Agadja A/5 (BLS)
- 5) Fireboat 1 - Act. Lt. Wayne Hill D/1 (BLS), Marine Pilot Joseph Raspe D/1 (BLS), Marine Engineer Terry Pakula D/3 (BLS), FF Samuel Davis D/6, Engine 31 (BLS)
- 6) Fire Rescue Boat 1 - Emergency Boat Operator (EBO) Robert Sebeck D/5 (BLS), EBO Bart Cohey D/3 (ALS)
- 7) Medic 5 - Paramedic John Brooks D/6 (ALS), FPA Brian Bailey D/2, Engine 35 (BLS)
- 8) EMS 2 - Act. Lt. John Workman D/4 (ALS)
- 9) Safety Officer 2 - Lt. William Kern D/4 (BLS)

MEDIC PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO TRIAGE:

- Medic 1 - PM Sean Brinkley D/2 (ALS), FPA Carl Chapman D/4, Truck 21 (ALS)
- Medic 2 - FPM Gordon Byrd D/2, Squad 11, (ALS), FPA Joshua Krebs D/2, Engine 5 (BLS)
- Medic 3 - PM Patricia Smith D/1, Medic 4 (ALS), FPA Shirelle Jones D4, Engine 31 (BLS)
- Medic 4 - PM Dale Blackwell D/6 (ALS), FPA Joshua Schafer D/2, Truck 16 (BLS)
- Medic 9 - PM Alexander Nestruck D/3 (ALS), PM Michael Naylor D/1 (ALS)
- Medic 10 - PM Todd Frey D/2 (ALS), FPA Charles Williams D/4, Engine 5 (BLS)
- Medic 16 - PM Harry Miller D/2 (ALS), FPA Turon Ward D/3, Truck 5 (BLS)
- Medic 20 - PM John Blake D/3 (ALS), FPA Shawn Camper D/4, Engine 41 (BLS)
- Medic 21 - PM Terri S. Dixon D/4 (ALS), PM Joshua Pope D/2 (ALS)
- EMS 3 - Lt. Tavon Claggett D/6 (ALS)
- EMS 5 - Lt. John Giotis D/3 (ALS)

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**Inner Harbor Incident
3/6/2004**

Patient Information List

As of 3/10/04 1200 hours

Hospital	Name	Complaint	Status	Age
Bayview	JoAnn Pierce	Arrest	Deceased	60
Bayview	Alejandro Gonzalez	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	38
Bayview	Antonio Ascosta	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	27
Bayview	David Blakeley	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	38
Bayview	Louis Nazario	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	36
Harbor Hospital	Lisa Pierce	Arrest	Deceased	30
Harbor Hospital	Peterson Decker(Navy)	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	
Harbor Hospital/ Transferred from Mercy	Tom Pierce	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	60
Johns Hopkins	Eric Jahnsen	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	26
Johns Hopkins	Sara Kernagis	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	25
Johns Hopkins	Ed Roccella	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	59
Johns Hopkins	Eileen Roccella	Fx Shoulder, Exposure	<u>Released</u>	59
Johns Hopkins	Denny Schillings	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	55
Johns Hopkins	Karen Schillings	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	55
Mercy	Julia Lauer	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	30
Mercy	Greg Pettison	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	23
Mercy	Robert Williams	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	33
Mercy	Robert Sebeck (Firefighter)	R. Shoulder	<u>Released</u>	
Mercy	James Green (Lieutenant) E-52 D3	Possible Rt. Ear Rupture	<u>Released</u>	37
UMMS/ Transferred from Shock Trauma	Sarah Bentrem	Arrest	Critical/PICU 5 th Fl C wing	8
UMMS	Francis Deppner (Captain)	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	74
UMMS	Michael Homan (Shipmate)	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	55
UMMS	Elizabeth Bentrem	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	36
UMMS	Katherine Bentrem	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	7
UMMS	George Bentrem	Exposure	<u>Released</u>	39

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Inner Harbor Incident**3/6/2004****Missing Person's Information**

Name	Address	Age	Status
Andrew Roccella	1836 Batter Hallow Rd	26	Recovered on March 14, 2004
Corrine Shillings	Homewood, Illinois	26	Recovered on March 15, 2004
Daniel Bentrem	Harrisonburg, Va.	6	Recovered on March 14, 2004

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Baltimore City Fire Department Coordination of Patient Care removal to the local hospitals:

Two EMS Officers assigned to incident location –

- 1) Triage and treatment officer (EMS 2)
- 2) Transportation officer (EMS 3)

One EMS Officer assigned to Boston street side of harbor (EMS 5)

Chief Physician and Medical Director (Division Chief 4) at incident location overseeing medical operations.

Hospital destination coordinated through Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMSS) Emergency Medical Resource Center (EMRC) radio communications.