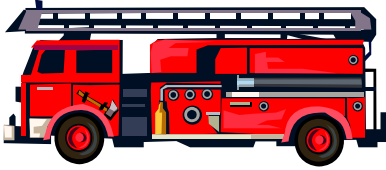


# Normandy Fire Protection District



## SPECIAL EDITION ON DROWNING INCIDENT

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### Board Officers Express Outrage at Normandy Police Chief's Misinformation on Drowning Incident



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### False Statements Made By Police Chief

The Normandy Police Chief, Douglas Liebert, falsely alleged that the Normandy Fire Protection District's advanced life support emergency medical services personnel arrived at the scene of a drowning fifteen minutes after receipt of a call for emergency medical services, when they actually arrived there within five minutes after receiving the call from the dispatcher. In addition, he falsely stated that Fire District emergency medical personnel mistakenly went to the wrong country club, when responding to the call for paramedic services at a country club on Lucas & Hunt, when the 911 records show that fire district paramedics went to the correct country club, Glen Echo, as required. Finally, he falsely stated that the Fire District has replaced full-time staff members with part-time personnel.

Part-time personnel employed by the fire district are in addition to the regular contingent of full-time personnel; and they have been employed to increase the number of staff persons that can be dispatched to the scene of emergencies. Furthermore, they are fully qualified and trained personnel, employed at other fire districts and ambulance services, who earn extra pay by working part-time for the Normandy Fire District.

### Fire District Paramedics Responded to Scene Within Five Minutes After Receipt of Call

Fire District emergency medical personnel received a 911 call for "a man down" at approximately 8:23 p.m. on the evening of Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The report indicated that the victim was located at the Glen Echo Country Club on Lucas and Hunt. There are two country clubs located on Lucas and Hunt within the Fire District's boundaries, Glen Echo and Norwood. Often individuals get confused as to location of each of these country clubs. Furthermore, it has often been the experience of fire district personnel that dispatchers and individuals reporting emergencies often make mistakes in identifying the location of victims. The Norwood Country Club is partially in the Fire District and under our mutual aid agreement we provide services to that Country Club when needed. Therefore, out of a sense of

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caution, two emergency vehicles, each fully equipped with advance life support equipment and supplies and each staffed with two fully trained, experienced and state certified paramedics, were dispatched from the Firehouse – but in order to assure that emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the correct country club in a timely manner, one vehicle staffed by paramedics, John Buehler and Kim Fowler, was dispatched to the Norwood Country Club and the other, staffed by Paramedics Robert Fritz and Darcy Kneer and EMT Billy Ryan, was dispatched to the Glen Echo Country Club.

#### Fire District Paramedics Administer Advance Life Support Services to Victim Within Five Minutes After Receiving Call

Fire District personnel, Fritz, Kneer and Ryan, having been dispatched to the Glen Echo Country Club at 8:26 p.m., arrived at the scene, within two minutes after being dispatch, at approximately 8:28 p.m. or within five minutes after receipt of the call from the dispatcher at the firehouse. Fritz, Kneer and Ryan, upon arrival, immediately made an effort to revive the drowning victim, Mr. Barry Dorsey, who had been under water for an extensive amount of time before being pulled from the pool by country club staff and visitors.

#### Victim Had Expired Before Call Was Received at Fire Station

Apparently the first call went to the police department, so police officers were on the scene administering CPR when the Fire District personnel, Fritz, Kneer and Ryan, arrived on the scene. The paramedic took over the effort to revive Mr. Dorsey by administration of advanced life support equipment, but since Mr. Dorsey had been under water for over five minutes, prior to being pulled from the pool, it was obvious to the paramedic that the CPR provided by the police officers as well as the advanced life support equipment employed by the paramedic to revive Mr. Dorsey was futile as Mr. Dorsey had no signs of life at the time

the paramedic commenced his efforts to revive him.

#### Second Vehicle Sent to Scene for Backup Purposes Only

Immediately upon assuring themselves that the victim was not at the Norwood Country Club, and while Fritz, Kneer and Ryan were attempting to revive Mr. Dorsey, the second fire district emergency vehicle, staffed by paramedics Buehler and Fowler, re-routed themselves to the Glen Echo Country Club, in order to backup Fritz, Kneer and Ryan, and to transport the victim to the hospital if required. Buehler and Fowler arrived at Glen Echo approximately nine minutes after Fritz, Kneer and Ryan had arrived at the scene. Thus, within five minutes after fire district personnel received the call for help, fire district paramedics Fritz and Kneer, provided all of the emergency medical care that a paramedic is qualified to administer to a victim, and the second vehicle, staffed by paramedics, Buehler and Fowler, only role was to transport the victims body to the hospital were he was officially pronounced dead by a medical doctor.

#### Normandy Police Chief Subject of Prior Complaint to the U.S. Justice Department

The Normandy police chief has immersed himself in the politics of the fire district. One of the alderpersons of the city of Normandy, Bridget Dailey, has a brother, Brian Quinlisk, who was a member of the Board of Directors of the Fire District. He was defeated for re-election to the Board in April, 2007 by Robert Edwards, the current Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. Quinlisk, who broke the law when he overpaid himself as President of the Board, is being prosecuted by the Board for using fire district funds to pay his criminal defense attorney, Neal Bruntrager, to defend him against a federal grand jury investigation of his expenditure of fire district funds. Ms. Dailey has been on a vendetta against the fire district's Directors every since her brother lost the election. She solicited the Normandy

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police chief's assistance in this vendetta, and he appeared at one of the meetings of the Normandy Fire Protection District's Board of Directors. When the members of the audience got out of order, they were warned by the Legal Officer, Elbert Walton, and the Chairman of the Board, Joe Washington, that the Fire District had passed an Ordinance making it a misdemeanor to disrupt Board meetings. Liebert, who has been sworn to uphold the law, instead of backing up the Fire District's officer, became disruptive himself and blurted out that he was not going to enforce that Ordinance. A complaint was sent to the Missouri Director of Public Safety as well as the Normandy Municipal officials about his actions, as it is a violation of state law for a police officer to refuse to enforce the criminal laws of the state. Liebert's response to the complaint lodged against him was to dispatch a police officer to the next meeting of the Fire District's Board of Directors to place the Board under police surveillance. A complaint was then sent to the U.S. Justice Department that it appeared that Liebert, in violation of federal law, was attempting to intimidate the elected Board of Directors of the Fire District. Thus, it appears that Liebert has now made false allegations against the Fire District's firefighters and paramedics, in retaliation for complaints being filed by the District's officers against Liebert with the U.S. Justice Department and the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

#### Fire District Board Expects Cooperation from Normandy Police Department

The Fire District is appalled that the Police Chief of Normandy, Douglas Liebert, has determined to become an adversary of the Fire District. Traditionally all over this nation, Firefighters and Police Officers work closely together and cooperate fully as comrades in the fight for public safety. It is the intention of the officers of the Fire District's Board of Directors, Joe Washington and Robert Edwards, the District's

Fire Chief, Peter O'Neal, and the firefighters and paramedics of the Normandy Fire Protection District to continue to provide outstanding paramedic and firefighting services to the residents of the District, in full cooperation with the police officers and departments within their district. There are sixteen different municipalities located in the Fire District, and Fire District staff and personnel have been getting along quite well with all of the police chief's in the district, except Douglas Liebert. All of the other police chief's have concentrated on doing an excellent job as police commanders and, unlike Liebert, have not interjected themselves into the politics of the fire district. Where public safety is concerned, we cannot afford to have a police chief like Liebert who thinks it is his duty to engage in politics and adversarial behavior with the firefighters and paramedics who work hand in hand with police officers in serving the community.

#### Normandy Police Chief Should be Terminated

The Fire District's Board of Directors thus is calling upon the Municipal Officials of the City of Normandy to call their Police Chief, Douglas Liebert, to task; to reel him in and to demand that he cease and desist his public attacks against our hardworking firefighters and paramedics and that he be removed as police chief of the city of Normandy.

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BOARD OFFICERS  
WASHINGTON AND EDWARDS  
AND FIRE CHIEF O'NEAL  
EXPRESS SYMPATHY TO  
DROWNING VICTIM'S FAMILY

The Officers of the Normandy Fire Protection District's Board of Directors, Joe Washington, Chairman of the Board and President of the District, Robert Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer, the Fire Chief, Peter O'Neal, and the hardworking paramedics and firefighters employed by the District want to express  
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their deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Barry Dorsey, who unfortunately drowned when he accidentally fell into a pool at the Glen Echo Country Club, located in the Normandy Fire Protection District. "It is a great tragedy whenever there is a loss of human life," said Director Washington, "and it is an even greater tragedy when an effort is made to attempt to use the death of a human being for political advantage. We the Directors, Officers and employees of the Normandy Fire Protection District want to publicly state to Mr. Dorsey's family that we feel your loss and share your pain at this untimely and tragic death of your loved one. We extend our deepest and sincere condolences to you and want to assure you that our paramedics made every effort humanly possible with the latest advance life saving equipment on hand in a valiant effort to revive Mr. Dorsey and to bring him back to life. All of the Normandy Fire District Officers and employees wish you the best under the circumstances. With our deepest sympathy: The Directors, Officers & Staff of the District"

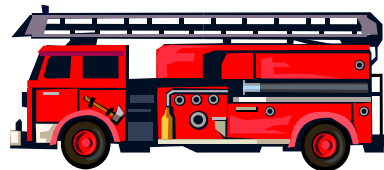
Fire Chief and Board Commend Paramedic's Valiant Efforts to Save Mr. Dorsey's Life



Peter O'Neal  
Fire Chief

The Officers of the Board of Directors, the Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs of the Normandy Fire Protection District commend and express their appreciation to paramedics Fritz and Kneer and EMT Ryan for the valiant and competent efforts they made in attempting to revive Mr. Barry Dorsey after he unfortunately drowned in a pool at Glen Echo Country Club on August 13<sup>th</sup>. "These firefighters responded with dispatch to a call for a medical emergency, and they deserve nothing but praise and commendation for their valiant efforts," said Chief Peter O'Neal. Chief O'Neal was joined in his praise of Fritz, Kneer and Ryan by Board Officers, Joe Washington and Robert Edwards.

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