

Preliminary Summary Report of an Incident Within an Incident,
Near Miss Event, Serious Accident, or Significant Injury



BLUE SHEET

Unified Fire Authority Blue Sheet

Gasoline Ignition, Riverton House Fire

11/9/2024

Riverton

MA120

SYNOPSIS

The following is a preliminary summary of an incident that occurred during the suppression of a garage fire. Two UFA firefighters received minor injuries: one with minor burns on both legs; the other received injuries to their right ear, primarily from the hose line being used to suppress the fire on the firefighter's turnouts, as well as small burns. Additionally, a Draper firefighter that was injured with minor injuries was treated and released on scene.

NARRATIVE

MA120 was first in on a garage fire in Riverton. During fire suppression, it was identified that there were multiple gas cans—six or more, with most of them being 5-gallon plastic cans—along the B (bravo), interior side of the structure, some of which had melted or had partially burned through. During the overhaul phase, the two personnel from MA120 removed several of the gas cans, placing them outside of the structure. Additionally, during suppression efforts, the garage door had been cut with an inverted L for access and egress. It wasn't apparent at the time that the floor was covered in gasoline mixed with water.

During overhaul, one firefighter was exiting the garage when they felt and heard a large 'whoosh' and looked back and saw their partner on fire. As the firefighter started back towards the garage to assist his partner, ML121 pulled the firefighter whose turnouts were

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on fire out of the garage, spraying them down with water while several other firefighters jumped on the individual and started smothering the fire.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVIEW

Although three firefighters were injured, it is important to note that their injuries were relatively minor, primarily due to their adherence to proper use of personal protective equipment. It is important to ensure proper utilization of PPE occurs in all phases of fire suppression, including overhaul.

Refer to: [Operations SOG's and SOP's – 450-18 – Single Family Dwelling Fires](#)
[Operations SOG's and SOP's – 450-28 – Overhaul](#)
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