



Wartburg Volunteer Fire Department

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Dear Gentlemen:

On July 22, 2002, the Wartburg Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched by the Morgan County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) at the request of the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency (MCEMA) to High Point Church, because of an oil-well fire.

Upon our arrival, we were instructed to shuttle water by our tanker to a holding pit that had been dug. We proceeded to drop the water from our tanker, and then shuttled five (5) loads of water. This took three (3) of our firefighters eight (8) hours per man.

On July 24, 2002, we were again dispatched by the MCSO at the request of MCEMA to assist crews in extinguishing the oil-well fire. Upon this arrival, we were instructed to set up our drop tank and draft from the drop tank to our Pumper-Tanker and then using 2, 1 1/2" hoses to extinguish the fire. We proceeded, upon request, and extinguished the fire using approximately 125 gallons of water per minute for less than 10 seconds. They were not ready to cap the well at that time, and the well had to be re-ignited to burn off excess gas. We needed 2- 2-man teams and a pump operator to do this. One team consisted of Wartburg Firefighters, the other consisted of Sunbright Firefighters. After extinguishing the fire, we were instructed to standby for safety precautions. This took five (5) men at 5 1/2 hours per man. We were later requested to return the next day by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).

On July 25, 2002, we returned to the oil-well as requested, set up our drop-tank, and pumper-tanker and pulled 2- 1 3/4" lines to extinguish the fire again this time using approximately 125 gallons of water per minute for less than 10 seconds. We were then instructed to standby for safety precautions. This took us three (3) men from Wartburg, and three (3) men from Sunbright at 12.5 hours each.

Respectfully,

Glen Moore

Fire Chief

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