From: **Ryan Stanton** <stant1rj@gmail.com>
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Subject: comments tonight
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Chief Jones,

The details you questioned from my Sunday story were originally included in a story we ran the day of the fire and came directly from the fire chief. Read the story here:http://www.annarbor.com/news/house-fire-injures-3-ann-arbor-firefighters-father-child-jump-from-roof-to-safety. If those details didn't show up in whatever incident report you looked at, either you're looking at an incomplete report or the fire chief provided false information. I'll note the details were never questioned or challenged when we wrote our story last April.

As for the response times, I spent long hours running the numbers and checked them over many times. I calculated the response times based on how an NFPA representative in Massachusetts told me I should calculate them, which is to clock the 4-minute travel time starting from the first vehicle's "en route" time. NFPA's expert also told me to calculate the 8-minute travel time for a full alarm starting from the first vehicle's en route time. I had a talk with one of your assistant chiefs who told me a full alarm for Ann Arbor means four fire trucks plus the battalion chief, so that's how I calculated it. Your assistant chief, however, seemed to be using different methods of calculating the numbers than those suggested by NFPA because he came up with different response times, and you echoed those different numbers tonight. Here are some of my notes of the numbers I came up with following NFPA's methods.

You can view the reports where these numbers come from here: http://a2docs.org/doc/292/

April 3, 2010
5:17:44 - first vehicle en route
5:23:59 - vehicle 16 - (1st arrival) (6 minutes 15 seconds)
5:23:59 - vehicle 18 - (2nd)
5:23:59 - vehicle 3 - (BC)
5:26:06 - vehicle 23 - (3rd)
5:26:48 - vehicle 26 - (4th) (Alarm - 9 minutes 4 seconds)

April 13, 2010
1:41:09 - first vehicle en route
1:47:40 - vehicle 26 - (1st arrival) (6 minutes 31 seconds)
1:48:02 - vehicle 3 - (BC)
1:48:02 - vehicle 16 - (2nd)
1:48:02 - vehicle 18 - (3rd)
1:49:03 - vehicle 24 - (4th) (Alarm - 7 minutes 54 seconds)

April 23, 2010
1:02:00 - first vehicle en route
1:07:37 - vehicle 25 (1st arrival) (5 minutes 37 seconds)
1:12:02 - vehicle 16 (2nd)
1:12:02 - vehicle 18 (3rd)
1:12:02 - vehicle 24 (4th)

1:12:06 - vehicle 3 (BC) (Alarm - 10 minutes 6 seconds)

Sept. 16, 2010
5:55:35 - first vehicle en route
5:59:44 - five trucks plus BC on scene (4 minutes 9 seconds)

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