

APPENDIX A: 16 MARCH 2013 DISPATCH TIMELINE

Note: Due to the rapid onset, complexity and visual effects of the incident to the community it should be noted that the Horry County 911 Center was inundated with multiply calls from the public. This over load apparently caused some of the time stamps for first responders to be missed. Therefore, the following times were compiled by listening to voice in addition to logged reports.

17:13:30 16 March	Horry County Fire Engine 39 was dispatched to a brush fire located at the power lines next to 213 Wando River Road. Shortly afterwards (17:14:50) Battalion Chief 2 (B2) was notified by the same dispatcher that they are receiving numerous calls and that the fire is spreading rapidly and relayed that Engine 39 was toned but has not marked up. Batt 2 asked who was next on the run card and was advised that Ladder 4 would be next due, B2 then stated to send Engine 23, and to move Engine 45 to Station 39 for coverage. Engine 39 then marks up on Tac-2 as en-route to the call.
17:15.48	Engine 39 radios a request to B2 to send brush truck 45 in which Battalion 2 advises that Brush Truck-45 was busy. Engine-39 then replied "well we're going to need one."
17:16:04	Engine-23, which was working a medical call, was called over the radio by Tac-2 dispatcher and advised to respond to the woods fire at 213 Wando River Road. It then appears that the dispatcher realized that they may be committed and then ask Engine-23 if they could clear, Engine 23 replied "yes where do you need us," no further radio traffic exchanged between Tac-2 or Engine 23 but Tac-2 also confirms E-39 request for a brush truck.
17:16.23	Engine 45 goes en-route to station 39 for coverage, and is directed by Tac-2 to respond to the brush fire at 213 Wando River. Dispatch advises to utilize radio tac-6 for operations.
17:17.02	Battalion Chief 1 is dispatched to 213 Wando River for reported brush fire. Also, Chief 3 marks up and advises the Tac-2 dispatcher to place him on the call and that he has read it on the MDC.

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17:17.50	Engine 39 advised they were going to try and access the fire from behind the apartments in Windsor Green, and to advise the brush truck to go down the power lines on the left off of gateway drive and they would be able to see it. E-39 follows up with a request for the tactical channel and was advised operation would be on Tac-6.
17:18.49	Engine-23 calls Tac-2 and clears a call, and is simultaneously re-dispatched by Tac-2 to the fire at 213 Wando River... E-23 went responding.
17:18.52	Engine39 requested Tac-2 to upgrade “this” to a structure fire, have one apartment burning and three threatened. However E-39 never updates an address or exact location of the structure fire. Dispatch acknowledges E-39 traffic, and E-39 tells Tac-2 to go ahead with the second alarm, dispatch copies.
17:20.49	Dispatch center tones Ladder 4, and Engine 1 to respond to an alarm (sprinkler flow) at 4931 Crab Pond Court inside Windsor Green. Engine 39 then advises Tac-2 that those are not alarms, those are actual buildings burning.
17:21.35	Chief 4, Ladder 4, Medic39, Myrtle Beach Fire (2 engines and a ladder), Engine1, Engine 40, and Engine 20 are toned to a structure fire , 2 nd alarm at 213 Wando River Court.
17:23.17	Engine 40 goes en-route to the fire and advises they are switching to Tac-6.
17:23.39	Tac-2 dispatcher advises Wando River command that he is going to put the brush fire on Tac-6, and the structure fire on Tac-7.
17:24:00	Chief 3, Scott Thompson, states over the air that this is all the same call. Battalion Chief Montgomery then advises to keep everybody on Tac-6 for operations.
17:26:25	Battalion Chief 2 (John McGarrahan arrived on scene and assumed command