

26 November 1974

Mr. L. L. Raines
Suite 550, 700 NE Multnomah
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear Mr. Raines:

Thank you for your prompt response to our letter requesting information on vehicle fires.

The fire in question occurred on November 26, 1973 near Olympia, Washington. Vehicle was driven by the owner Mr. William E. Cosden, Jr., DOB 12/19/46, Rt. 4, Box 1332, 1st St. West, Olympia, at the time of the fire.

Vehicle was a 1972 International 3/4 ton 4 x 4 pickup truck, VIN B43208H251539, Washington License GB-5514.

Sincerely,

Don Redmond
Sheriff

By
Paul Barclift
Detective Sergeant

DR/PB/eb

November 18, 1974

International Harvester Company
700 N.E. Multnomah
Suite 550
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear Sir:

This department is currently investigating a fire which occurred on 27 November 1973 to a 1972 International 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup truck, VIN B43208H251539. Fire occurred when vehicle was approximately one year old, and had approximately 20,000 miles on the odometer.

Request information on whether this particular model had any known problems or defects, which if uncorrected, could make it susceptible to fire. In this particular fire, the owner, who was also operating the vehicle, provided the following facts. Immediately prior to the fire, he had filled the fuel tank. He then drove the vehicle approximately one mile on an asphalt road at moderate speeds, when he detected a strong odor of gasoline. Shortly afterwards, he looked in the rear view mirror and observed flames flickering up between the cab and canopy. He immediately stopped and ran to nearest telephone, then returned to find vehicle totally involved in fire.

Further, if information is readily available, request the maintenance history of this particular vehicle.

Don Redmond
Sheriff

By Paul Barclift
Detective

DR/PB/lt



INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER
November 21, 1974

Office of the Thurston
County Sheriff
P. O. Box 1937
Olympia, Washington 98507

Attention: Mr. Paul Barclift, Detective

In reply to your letter dated November 18, 1974, requesting information on a 1972 model International 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup, allegedly involved in a fire on November 27, 1973, I wish to submit the following information.

This office has no knowledge of any known problems towards defects which could have made the vehicle susceptible to fire as described in your letter.

Our normal procedure for handling matters such as this stipulates that if we are notified of problems such as the one you described, we have our zone service manager or zone field people within the area make out a Product Review Report, so that we can report this to our insurance carrier, if there is any question of future liability concerned. If you would be kind enough to forward me the location of the fire and the owner and/or driver's name at that time, it is possible that we might have some information here, which I will be happy to forward to you.

In closing, may I thank you for your letter thus enabling us to attempt to be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

L. L. Raines
Dealer Service Manager

nmw

cc: Mr. H. J. Dirk

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For further info
see Fire Control
Report

Date 4/15/74 Time _____ Alarm by Phone or Box No. _____
 Companies Responded, Co. No. and Type 11-22 11-12 & 11-32
 No. of Firemen Responding 6 - Mutual Aid
 Time Arrived _____ Time Dismissed _____
 Hours of Service _____ Miles Traveled _____
 Kind of Bldg. or Property T
 Street Address or Location Rt 4-1332 First St SW
 Owner William Casden
 Occupied by Same
 Purpose Used for Dwelling Spread to other Bldgs: Yes _____ No X
 Part of Bldg where Fire Started _____
 Cause undetermined & total

EXTINGUISHED BY

B - Booster _____ No. of Hydrants Available _____
 C - Chemicals _____ Hours Pumpers Worked 3 1/2
 H - Hydrant Streams _____ Size and Feet of Hose Used 1 1/2" 200
 P - Pumper _____ Size and No. of Ladders Used _____
 S - Sprinklers _____ Gals. of Chemicals Used 3000

INSURANCE RECORD

Buildings	Contents
Estimated Value _____	Estimated Value _____
Insurance Carried _____	Insurance Carried- <u>Yes</u>
Estimated Loss _____	Estimated Loss _____
Insurance Paid _____	Insurance Paid <u>Yes</u>

SPECIAL NOTES

under investigationSigned John SeedRank Captain

Chas Woodward

Ken Davis

Jim Seed

J.D. Rountz

Chet Jackson

John Seed

TCFD #11

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THURSTON COUNTY FIRE CONTROL INCIDENT REPORT

73-17592-12

(check one)
 City of Olympia _____
 City of Lacey _____
 City of Tumwater _____
 Fire District No. 11
 Town of Bucoda _____

Normal response XXXX
 Auto. response _____
 Mutual Aid _____

Incident No. 45
 Date Nov. 26, 1973
 Time 0241

I. Manpower
 1. Engine No's. 12, 22 Trucks 33 Rescue _____ Units _____ Other _____
 2. No. of men: First Engine _____ Total _____
 3. Police on scene TC50 Other services on scene _____

II. Dispatch Information
 1. First 10-8 0244 First 10-23 0252 First 10-17 0257 Last 10-24 0352 Last 10-25 0412
 2. Source of alarm 2233 Weather Conditions Cold/ICY
 3. Phone recorder tape: Tape 6 Side 1 Footage 549-578
 4. Radio recorder tape: Tape 7 Side 1 Footage 2527

III. Incident Information
 1. Owner-Address Case Rd. North of Scott Lake Phone _____
 2. Occupant-Address _____ Phone _____
 3. Type of Incident 351 - Fire not in building Phone _____

No further information passed to this office

IV. Fire Information
 1. Type of Occupancy 965 B - Truck
 2. Cause of ignition _____
 3. Area of origin _____
 4. First Material Ignited _____
 5. Fire Discovered by _____
 6. Wall framing _____ Wall finish _____
 7. Floor framing _____ Floor covering _____
 8. Roof framing _____ Roof covering _____
 9. Area of bldg. _____ No. of stories _____
 10. Material or evidence removed from scene _____
 11. Pictures taken _____ by: _____
 12. Follow up Investigation requested _____ by: _____
 13. Value of Bldg. _____ to: _____
 14. Loss to bldg. Total Contents _____
 15. Insurance Agent/Company _____ Contents _____
 16. Mobile: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ License No. _____ State _____
 17. Injuries _____
 18. Equipment used: _____

V. Aid Call Information
 1. Victim name and address _____ Phone _____
 2. Age _____ Sex _____ Equipment used _____
 3. Type of Call _____
 4. Disposition of victim _____

Officer in charge

Reporting Official

J. Gibbs
 Dispatcher

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