

FIRE RESCUE OPERATION AT STATE TRANSPORT SERVICE OFFICE BUILDING

On 21/07/2016 at about 1219 hrs a Fire Call message was received from Office of the State Transport Service stating that fire broke out in the Motor Vehicle Section of State Transport Service office building. Immediately Fire Station Marine reached the spot along with Water Tender AN 01 B 0047 and staffs were pressed into at the scene of fire. On reaching the spot, it was noticed that dense smoke was emanating from all around and thus it was quite difficult to locate the seat of fire and accordingly, 02 lengths of hose were laid down and fire fighting was started. Simultaneously, additional Water Tenders from Fire Station Aberdeen and Chatham were requisitioned owing to the developing situation and taking into the account possibility of spreading fire rapidly due to winds. In no time, 02 Water Tenders, 02 Water Bouzers, 01 Foam & Co2 combined Tender swung into action and at the same time the Water Tender and staff from Fire Station Chatham was dispatched to the scene of fire and joined in the fire fighting operation to combat the major fire. The services of Advance Rescue Tender AN 01 G 0056 was also utilized to break the doors and partitions to make entry into the building forcefully by the Fire Service personnel with the help of Breathing Apparatus Set. Simultaneously 02 Exhaust Blowers were also stationed to suck out the thick smoke from the building so that good visibility and fire fighting could be possible for the staff. At the same time, the staff in the building was also safely evacuated to the open ground.

Senior Police Officers Shri. Atmaram V. Deshpande, IPS, Superintendent of Police (Fire) and Shri B. Saigal, Chief Fire Officer also rushed to the spot and supervised the entire operation till the fire was brought under control. It is also ensured that salvage operation for removing of official files, records, Computers, electronic gadgets etc. was undertaken. Salvage material kept in the adjacent office building with the help of staff of Directorate of STS.

The cause of fire was primarily assessed as electrical causes and no loss of life and grievous/injury was reported. The loss of property is estimated of Rs.35, 00,000/- (Approximately) which involve the electronic gadgets, office furniture etc. whereas the property worthys Rs. 7 Crore could be saved due to the timely action and effective fire fighting operation.