

STATEMENT OF MAYOR IVAN ALLEN, JR.

Thursday, September 8, 1966

10:00 a. m.

Fire Chief C. H. Hildebrand reports this morning that 19 Fire Stations are now in full operation and that the personnel total is up to 244. Firemen responded to 17 alarms during the night from 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 a. m. None of the alarms was serious.

Chief Hildebrand also reports that 100 probationary Firefighters have been dismissed for failure to report to work as ordered. 367 other Firefighters have been suspended. All suspension citations will be mailed before the end of the day and we expect this number to represent the total of those to be suspended. The Board of Firemasters has scheduled hearings for September 19 through September 23.

The City Personnel Department yesterday examined 55 applicants for Firefighter positions and will continue an intensive recruitment campaign to fill vacancies which now exist in the Fire Department.

With reference to the disorders of Tuesday night in the Summerhill area, all activity seems to be back to normal. Ten arrests were made on Wednesday afternoon in the area when several individuals