

STATEMENT OF MAYOR IVAN ALLEN, Jr.
Friday, September 9, 1966

Fire Chief Hildebrand reports this morning that two additional fire stations have been placed in service bringing the total now in operation to 21 out of 32. This has been accomplished by placing existing Fire Department personnel on overtime and by adding 10 additional men to the Fire Department complement. The 10 men added Thursday now give us a total of 254 Firemen.

We were fortunate in having only 12 alarms during the night and none was of major import. Two firefighting units were required to move some 50 bales of damaged cotton from a cotton warehouse fire at 1088 Murphy Avenue. The City Construction Department was requested to assist by sending mechanized equipment to expedite the moving of the cotton bales and promptly responded to lend a hand to the Firemen.

The Chief further reports that a total of 493 Firefighters have now been suspended for failure to obey his order to report for duty.