

Editors note:

Names of individuals have been removed to respect their privacy. If any MLA wishes to have details, please email director@stopsmartmetersbc.ca

BC Fire Commissioner

#1

From: [JAG:EX](#) Fire Commissioner
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 1:18 PM
To: [@shaw.ca](#)
Cc: [JAG:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Fire information / 481877

Hi S

Thanks for your email. I have been asked this question before about house fires and smart meters. Unfortunately our fire codes used does not drill down enough to see that a fire was caused by smart meter only. We have more generic codes like power from the road to the house as our codes were developed long before smart meters came along. When we looked into the few fires mentioning electrical distribution equipment (transformers, panel board) as the igniting object the fires were actually not related to smart meters at all.

Not sure who would be tracking anything smart meter related other than possibly other provinces? The Canadian Safety Authority would be tracking if there are problems with the smart meters and fires.

Sorry I couldn't be more help.

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#2

From: JAG:EX
Sent: March 24, 2014 1:59 PM
To: [@shaw.ca](#)
Subject: RE: Request for fire reports

Good afternoon,

In response to your questions regarding the request for copies of fire reports, the process has not changed. The information that you received is that which can be released without review. If you desire further information then a request under the appropriate Freedom of Information process is necessary and this ensures no inappropriate material is released as defined under the Act. If you wish to submit such a request the link is provided here for your use:

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/citz/iao/foi/>

Local authorities are required to file a report on all fires with the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) however in the event that they fail to do so, there is no information available to the OFC to release in response to a request. In such situations, the local authority would be the only source of the information being sought.

Thank you,

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#2a

From: @shaw.ca
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 17:15 PM
To: JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Request for fire reports

Dear (Fire Commissioner)

I very much appreciate your providing these reports.

As I understand it from reading the various regulations, speaking with fire chiefs, and with the BC Safety Standards, reports on all fire must be filed with your office. If you don't have them, where might I find the others ones?

According to the Fire Act, Section 20, the fire reports are available to the general public to read, and there is no reference to having to make a special application to the Government's Information Access Operations. Has the Act changed, or is there something about which I am not aware?

Your assistance is much appreciated.

#3

From: JAG:EX
Sent: March 20, 2014 3:19 PM
To: @shaw.ca
Subject: RE: Request for fire reports

Good afternoon,

I have gone through and emailed you the fire reports that we have in our system. The fire reports you did not receive we do not have in our system.

Thank you,

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#4

From: @gov.bc.ca]

Sent: April 9, 2014 12:00 PM

To:

Subject: Fire Report

Good afternoon

The event on August 1st, 2012 at 126 Aspen, Sparwood BC did not require a fire report to be made and submitted to the fire commissioners office. This incident had no flames, no damage, and the fire department was there on standby as a precaution. If there is no flame, and little or no damage at an incident, no fire report is required.

Thank you,

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#5

From: JAG:EX

Sent: July 11, 2014 1:54 PM

To: @shaw.ca

Cc: JAG:EX

Subject: RE: Request for fire reports. #4

Hello,

I have attached a one page printout of the Fire Incident Report, of the following of your requests, which outlines the circumstances surrounding the fire incident. This material provides you with a summary of the above noted incident and is in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

4.2) DWK 2014 04 13 11 01

4.3) CKE 2013 12 09 11 01

4.4) NCA 2014 03 17 03 01

The following reports are not available on the Fire Reporting System at this time. We are following up with the fire departments to confirm attendance and investigation. Your request is on file and we will issue out the report to you as soon as it is submitted to our office.

4.1) **note. This fire occurred on Aug. 8 2013 (see email July 2/14)**

4.5) **note: This fire occurred on Dec. 28, 2013, (see email July 2/14)**

Have a wonderful day,

Information Systems Officer/Desktop Publisher

Office of the Fire Commissioner

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#5a

From: @shaw.ca

Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2014 17:22 PM

To JAG:EX

Subject: Request for fire reports. #4

Dear (Fire Commissioner)

Would you please provide me with the official reports on the following fires?

Thank you.

Regards,

(Note: The names and specific addresses have been removed for privacy's sake. If any MLA wishes the details, please contact director@stopsmartmetersbc.ca)

4.1) Date : Aug. 8, 2013
Address: 2868 X St.
Owner:

4.2) Date: April 9, 2014
Address: #11 1525 X St.
Owner:

4.3) Date: Dec. 9, 2013
Address: 960 X St.
Owner:

4.4) Date: March 17, 2014
Address: 2259 X St.
Owner:

4.5) Date: Dec. 28, 2013
Address: 1370 X St.
Owner:

#6

From: JAGEX@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: April 2, 2014 1:53 PM

To: '@shaw.ca'

Cc: JAG:EX

Subject: RE: Fire Report request

In following up on your request I can advise you of the following information; (note: numbering inserted to your email thread for clarity in response)

1. Your original question asked where information could be found if a report had not been filed with the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC). You were advised that the local authority would be the only source in that circumstance. Where the OFC is made aware that a fire report has not been filed, the issue will be followed up as resources and work priorities permit.
2. "What other fires have occurred about which your office knows nothing? – The Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner (LAF) in an area where a fire occurs is responsible to investigate and report fires where property is destroyed or damaged (or a death has occurred), providing the LAF is made aware of the fire occurrence. **It is always possible that a fire is not reported and therefore the OFC would not be aware of it.**

3. For the 5 incidents listed;

- (1) Oct. 2012 at _____ Cloverdale.. The fire department did not attend this incident and has no records related to it. No report exists.

(see: "Our smart meter was melted:"

<http://www.cloverdalereporter.com/news/176510271.html>

- (2) Nov 20, 2013 Vernon. This occurred on First Nations land (Okanagan Indian Band Fire Department). Fires on First Nations lands are not required to be reported to the OFC, they are handled through Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and request for documentation would be directed through that organization.

- (3) Aug 23 2013 at Surrey. The fire department has no record of a call for this incident and no investigation or report exists.

(see: "BC Meter Fire sparks suspicion of grow-op"

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/Hydro+meter+fire+sparks+suspicion+grow+Surrey/7143042/story.html#ixzz24XpjlmoY>)

- (4) Jan 2013 at _____ Prince George (rural east). Information received indicates that this area may have been served by a very small volunteer department that is no longer in existence. There is no record of any attendance at this incident and no known report available.

(A witness reported a smart meter on a pole outside a home burning. Pole burned as did wires. Hydro was called Next day took meter. Sent bill for \$3000 to owner of home for cost of pole.)

- (5) Nov 17, 2013 _____ St, Abbotsford. Where no fire has occurred there would be no fire report submitted. The fire department has confirmed they did not attend this incident and no report was done. The information collected by yourself would not be something that is tracked by the OFC. You may wish to consult with the local government authority with respect to a referral to the proper office to deal with the electrical issues alluded to in the information.

(Many appliances damaged, meter hot, malfunctioning, electrician and Hydro attended)

Sincerely,
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BC SAFETY AUTHORITY

#7

-----Original Message-----

From: @safetyauthority.ca]
Sent: February 7, 2014 3:59 PM
To: @shaw.ca
Subject: How to obtain information re. fire hazards, Smart Meters

Thank you for your inquiry.

Incidents or suspected unsafe electrical wiring and equipment may be reported by anyone but the Safety Standards Act and Safety Standards General Regulation specify specific requirements for persons who must report incidents (see references below). Directive No. D-E3 070115 1 provides further clarification on the definition of incidents and reporting requirements:

http://www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/Incident_Reporting_Requirements_-_Electrical_Technology_D-E3_070115_1___Rev_03.pdf.

Part of BC Safety Authority (BCSA)'s mandate is to investigate incidents that are reported to us, including fires that may be suspected of having an electrical cause. We are aware there have been a number of reports of fires involving smart meter replacements. **To date, our investigations have not directly linked smart meters as the cause of these fires.** We will continue to investigate these and other incidents that are reported to us. Please note that not all incidents are reported to us; and some municipalities administer the Electrical Safety Regulation within their own municipal boundaries. Incidents that occur within the boundaries of a municipal authority would be reported to, and investigated by, those jurisdictions.

As a safety regulator, we believe that the meter replacement program has had some positive impacts for safety in BC. Specifically, we have been working closely with BC Hydro in obtaining reports of unsafe conditions that have been identified through the program, within our jurisdiction. To date, BC Hydro has reported to us over a thousand pre-existing potential hazards that were discovered in the course of meter replacement.

Many of these reported hazards require relatively minor repairs; however, these hazards represent potential electrical fire or shock risks. Together with BC Hydro, we have been able to identify and alert home owners about these hazards before they resulted in an incident.

Although BCSA presently has no mandate to regulate BC Hydro's power system or equipment (this is the responsibility of the BC Utilities Commission), we are always interested in better understanding the risks associated with electrical safety hazards. We will continue to monitor the safety of the meter bases.

References:

Safety Standards Act

36 (1) As soon as practicable after an incident occurs, the person in charge of the regulated product or regulated work, the owner of the regulated product and any other person specified by regulation are responsible for reporting the incident, in accordance with the regulations, to the appropriate safety manager.

(2) A person must not remove, disturb or interfere with anything in, on or about the place where the incident occurred except for the following:

- (a) as is necessary to rescue a person, to prevent personal injury or death or to protect property;
- (b) in accordance with the regulations;
- (c) in accordance with the directions of a safety officer or safety manager.

Safety Standards General Regulation

Duty to report incidents to the appropriate safety manager

34 (1) If any of the following persons attend an incident the person has a duty to report it to the appropriate safety manager:

- (a) a holder of a permit to perform regulated work;
 - (b) a person who is authorized to perform or performs regulated work;
 - (c) a person who is authorized to operate or operates a regulated product or system;
 - (d) an officer or employee of a utility.
- (2) The owner of a plant must report an incident to the appropriate safety manager.

#8

From: @bcsafetyauthority.ca

Sent: August 1, 2014 12:07 PM

To: '@shaw.ca

Cc: bcsa

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your patience in receiving a response to your questions. I apologize for the delay in responding to you but my schedule often does not allow for immediate responses to questions from the public. I would like to suggest that you send your questions directly to our communications officer. She will be able to respond to your questions in a more timely manner. Her contact information is:

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tel: 778.396.2098 | fax: 778.396.2064 | email: Julie.Hewlett@safetyauthority.ca

I believe that I had included references to sections of the Safety Standards Act and Regulations related to incident reporting. However, in answer to your questions about incident reporting requirements, I have included links to relevant sections below.

It is my understanding that, in BC, fires are typically investigated by local fire departments. Their investigation results are reported to the Office of the Fire Commissioner. However, fires may also be investigated by other agencies, such as the Coroner's Service, or local police departments. Furthermore, other agencies, such as BCSA or WorksafeBC may investigate fires within their own authority and jurisdiction, or participate in fire investigations being conducted by other agencies if requested.

As mentioned in previous messages, BCSA conducts investigations of reported incidents related to regulated products or work. Our investigations are intended to identify potential equipment failures or contributing factors related to incidents suspected of having been caused by regulated products or work. However, our investigations are not generally intended to identify fire causes.

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_03039_01#section36

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/18_105_2004#section34

I hope that helps.

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From @shaw.c]

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 9:26 PM

To: BCSA

Subject: Freedom of Information request

Dear (BCSA)

Please find attached (see link) a response to my request for information about an incident that occurred in Prince George. I have the details of this event, and it was one in which the meter caught fire, burned a pole on which it was attached, and BC Hydro attended. Fortunately the meter was not attached to the home and only the pole was destroyed. Is this not, according to your regulations, supposed to have been reported to the BC Safety Authority?

If you do not require a report on such an incident, could you please explain the rationale? I would like to understand what agency is responsible for ensuring that the fire risks are properly identified and that appropriate measures are taken to protect the public.

Sincerely,

#9

From: @bcsafetyauthority.ca
Sent: July 10, 2014 12:04 PM
To: '@shaw.ca'
Subject: RE: Information regarding BCSA and Smart Meters

Dear

As per my previous email, BC Safety Authority (BCSA) does not forward copies of our investigation reports to the fire commissioner unless requested, as they receive their own reports on fire investigations from fire departments. I would suggest you contact the office of the fire commissioner directly with any questions about their policies and practices.

BCSA only investigates fires and drafts investigation reports on incidents that are reported to us; not all fires are reported to BCSA.

With regard to your request for additional incident details for 2011, enquiries about and requests for non-published information should be directed to our Records Information and Privacy Analyst, R.

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From: @shaw.ca
Sent: July-09-14 5:24 PM
To: @bcsafetyauthority.ca
Subject: RE: Information regarding BCSA and Smart Meters

Hello (BCSA)

Thank you for this very quick response, and for the links to the information.

May I please ask for a clarification. As I understand it from the provincial fire commissioner, a report is filed to him only if there is significant damage. So in the event that there is an electrical fire or potentially dangerous situation that is handled by the fire department, Hydro, an electrician or the individual, and the damage was insignificant (I do not know the determining amount) no report is filed with the commissioner, but the report is filed with BCSA.

As I understand it, for example if there were an overheated smart meter that smoked and melted, Hydro would replace it and is supposed to report it to you but would not report it to the fire commissioner. Would this sort of information be provided to the fire commissioner, whose job it is to identify fire hazards and warn the public?

A prime example is that of the fire at Sparwood Post Office on Aug. 1, 2012. The fire department attended and prevented the fire from spreading. No report was submitted to the fire commissioner so I was referred to the BCSA, where I was able to obtain a report.

Clarification would be much appreciated.

The 2011 report does not contain incidents summaries like those provided in Appendix A of both 2012 and 2013 reports. Were the incident summaries in another document? If so, could you please send it to me?

Thank you very much for your help.

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From: [safetyauthority.ca]

Sent: July 9, 2014 2:58 PM

To: @shaw.ca'

Subject: Information regarding BCSA and Smart Meters

Dear

Your request for information was forwarded to me for response by S.

In response to your question about forwarding documents to the fire commissioner, BC Safety Authority does not forward copies of our investigation reports to the fire commissioner unless requested, as **they receive their own reports on fire investigations from fire departments.**

BC Safety Authority publishes summarized incident data annually in our State of Safety Report. Copies of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 reports can be found on our website at the following links:

<http://www.safetyauthority.ca/publications/state-safety-report-2013>

<http://safetyauthority.ca/publications/state-safety-report-2012>

<http://www.safetyauthority.ca/publications/state-safety-report-2011>

Thank you for your interest in safe technical systems.

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10a

From: @shaw.ca
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2014 5:04 PM
To: @safetauthority.ca
Cc: commission.secretary@bcuc.com; John Horgan. Leader NDP; mike.farnworth.mla@leg.bc.ca; Catherine Roome; Brad Sullivan
Subject: RE: Information regarding BCSA and Smart Meters

Dear (BCSA),

I have reviewed the information available on - <http://www.safetyauthority.ca/safety-information/incident-data> which pertains to incidents occurring since Jan. 2014. Thank you for providing the link.

Can you please tell me if the reports on fires or risks identified are forwarded to the provincial fire commissioner for his records? Is there any more information about individual incidents that I could obtain that would allow me to obtain reports from the fire commissioner?

In response to my request for similar summaries for the years 2011- 2013, you provided the following link to the data for 2013:

www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/incidents_to_12-31-2013.xlsx . Unfortunately it does not work. Can you please provide the information for the 3 years, as above?

I appreciate your help in obtaining this information.

#11 & 11a

From: [@safetyauthority.ca]
Sent: June 13, 2014 5:18 PM
To: @shaw.ca
Subject: RE: Information regarding BCSA and smart meters

I have provided responses to your additional questions below.

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From: @shaw.ca
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 10:12 AM
To: @safteyAuthority.ca
Cc: commission.secretary@bcuc.com; John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca;
mike.farnworth.mla@leg.bc.ca; Catherine Roome; Brad Sullivan
Subject: RE: Information regarding BCSA and smart meters

Dear (BCSA),

Thank you very much for your response.

The summaries of incidents at <http://www.safetyauthority.ca/safety-information/incident-data> pertain only to incidents occurring between January 1 –April 30, 2014. Could you please tell me how I might access the summaries for incidents occurring from January 2011- Dec. 31, 2013?

Response:

Incident report summaries for 2013 are available in Appendix A BCSA's State of Safety Report for the corresponding year. State of Safety Reports are publicly available on our website. The 2013 State of Safety Report is available at:

<http://www.safetyauthority.ca/publications/state-safety-report-2013>. Archived State of Safety Reports can be found at: <http://www.safetyauthority.ca/publicationarchive>.

I would like to confirm my understanding with regard to BC Hydro's smart meter program:

The BC Safety Authority has no responsibility other than to gather information as provided by BC Hydro and local authorities regarding incidents and hazards because BC Hydro is exempted under the Safety Standards Act in every regard.

Response:

BC Safety Authority does have limited authority over BC Hydro but not in respect of the smart meter program. I have provided applicable excerpts below.

The BC Utilities Commission, which normally would ensure that regulations are followed, has no authority over any aspect of BC Hydro's smart meter program as per the Clean Energy Act.

Response:

I am unable to answer this question, as BC Safety Authority does not have authority or expertise in the legislation or operations of other agencies. Please contact the BC Utilities Commission for an explanation about the extent of their authority.

Accordingly, there is no agency or authority that has the authority to ensure that BC Hydro follows safety or reporting regulations. Also, BC Hydro is the only agency that can provide information with regard to safety testing of its equipment.

Response:

BC Safety Authority does not have authority or expertise in the legislation or operations of other agencies. The BC Utilities Commission should be able to provide you with some guidance in that regard.

I would appreciate it very much if you would kindly advise me if anything I've said above is inaccurate.

Thank you for your time and assistance,

Electrical Safety Regulation:

Application to utilities

3 (1) This regulation, except for section 3.1, does not apply to a public utility as defined in the *Utilities Commission Act* in the exercise of its function as a utility with respect to the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy.

(2) Despite subsection (1), this regulation applies to the electrical equipment owned or in the possession or control of a public utility if the electrical equipment is not used directly in the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy.

Hydro and Power Authority Act:

Application of other statutes

32 (1) Despite any specific provision in any Act to the contrary, except as otherwise provided under this Act, the authority is not bound by any statute or statutory provision of British Columbia.

(7) The following Acts and provisions apply to the authority:

(w.1) the *Safety Standards Act* in respect of electrical equipment and regulated work respecting electrical equipment as those terms are defined under that Act;

(w.2) section 19.2 of the *Safety Standards Act*;

11a

From: @shaw.ca

To: <@safetyauthority.ca>

Cc: "commission secretary" <commission.secretary@bcuc.com>, "John Horgan MLA" <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, "mike farnworth mla" <mike.farnworth.mla@leg.bc.ca>, "Catherine Roome" <Catherine.Roome@safetyauthority.ca>, "Brad Sullivan" <Brad.Sullivan@safetyauthority.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2014 10:12:29 AM

Subject: Information regarding BCSCA and smart meters

Dear (BCSA)

Thank you very much for your response.

The summaries of incidents at <http://www.safetyauthority.ca/safety-information/incident-data> pertain only to incidents occurring between January 1 –April 30, 2014. Could you please tell me how I might access the summaries for incidents occurring from January 2011- Dec. 31, 2013?

I would like to confirm my understanding with regard to BC Hydro's smart meter program:

The BC Safety Authority has no responsibility other than to gather information as provided by BC Hydro and local authorities regarding incidents and hazards because BC Hydro is exempted under the Safety Standards Act in every regard.

The BC Utilities Commission, which normally would ensure that regulations are followed, has no authority over any aspect of BC Hydro's smart meter program as per the Clean Energy Act.

Accordingly, there is no agency or authority that has the authority to ensure that BC Hydro follows safety or reporting regulations. Also, BC Hydro is the only agency that can provide information with regard to safety testing of its equipment.

I would appreciate it very much if you would kindly advise me if anything I've said above is inaccurate.

Thank you for your time and assistance,

Sincerely,

BC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#12

From: BCUC:EX
Sent: July 23, 2014 2:56 PM
To: @shaw.ca
Subject: RE: Information re. smart meter incidents

Dear

Thank you for your follow-up email to the BC Utilities Commission. Unfortunately, the information you are requesting is not available as no such reports are provided to the Commission.

Thank you again for contacting the Commission.

Regards,

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From: @shaw.ca
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 11:05 AM
To: BCUC:EX; BCUC:EX
Subject: Information re. smart meter incidents

Dear (BCUC).

I have been told about several incidents involving smart meters which have or could have resulted in damaged property or worse.

BC Safety Authority told me that when incidents are reported to BCSA that involve any BC Hydro equipment,, they have some limited authority to take action, except for smart meters – where they have none.

I was lead to believe that BCUC has this authority. Could you please tell me if the Commission does require reports on any fire or other incident involving smart meters or other components of the grid where a risk or potential risk to safety has occurred? If so, could you please tell me how I might access this information?

Thank you.

BC HYDRO

#13

From: @bchydro.com]

Sent: June 23, 2014 8:30 AM

To: @shaw.ca

Cc: bchydro.com

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information and Privacy Request No. 201.20.2015-004

The summary is complete. Thank you.

Regards,

British Columbia Utilities Commission

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13a

From: @shaw.ca

Sent: 2014, June 22 12:49 PM

To: M

Subject: Freedom of Information and Privacy Request No. 201.20.2015-004

Dear (BC Hydro)

The response to my request dated June 17 was received on Friday, June 20. Thank you.

May I please ask if the summary of electrical events that was included is complete, or is there more information forthcoming?

Regards,

FOI from BC Safety Authority

#14

FoiPPA BCSA 2014-65 (<http://www.stopsmartmetersbc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/FOI-2014-65-Sharon-Noble-Acknowledgment-and-Final-Letter-1.pdf>)

Safety Authority Incident Report - Investigation Date: 2012/08/07

Executive Summary:

A fire in a meter base on August 3 2012, at the Canada Post building 126 Aspen Drive, Sparwood B.C. The fire was contained to the meter base. There was no reported injuries. This incident was not reported to the B.C. Safety Authority until August 7 2012. The cause was not determined.

Cause Summary:

Cause is undetermined. Due to the fact that the B.C. Safety Authority, was not given a opportunity to inspect the damaged meter base, cause can not be determined. As the fire occurred in the meter base that was connected and had a new smart meter installed, **there is no way to know if the cause was from a damaged meter base or from the smart meter.** (highlighting and emphasis is mine).