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**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Laura Temke  
**Cc:** Daniel Koralewski; Sally Nusslock; Peter Feldhusen  
**Subject:** Mr BBQ food truck fire  
**Importance:** High

Fire Department run #1768  
Incident date: 03/11/18  
Location: S 71 St/W Lincoln Ave  
Units involved: E62 and T62

Hi Laura. Thank you for speaking with me about the Mister BBQ fire on 03/11. After talking to my engine officer, the exterior smoker started on fire, but it is unknown if the fire or contaminants made it inside the truck itself. The officer had every intention of completing a though company officer fire investigation, but the owner of the food truck fled the scene before he could get inside. While on scene, he did advise the owner that he would not be able to operate until the health department could come out to inspect the truck and contents. He obviously had no intention of remaining on scene. The police were also on scene, but I don't know if they have, or are, pursuing anything with the owner.

Below is the engine officer's report. If there is anything else you need from us, please let me know.

*"E-62 responded to a food truck vehicle fire at S 71 St/ W Lincoln Ave. Upon arrival E-62 found a Food Truck parked on the side of the street with heavy gray smoke coming from a mounted grill/ smoker on the back outside of the vehicle. The owner of the food truck, Mr. Jervel M Williams, states he was driving and the door to the grill came open and that flames impinged on the back door of the truck. E-62 pulled an 1-3/4 attack line and applied water to cool the inside and outside of the grill. Under control benchmark was 17:35 and Loss stopped was 17:38. While draining the attack hose line Mr. Williams entered the food truck and started the vehicle. E-62 officer (Lt. LaDousa) asked Mr. Williams what he was doing. He stated he was just pulling the vehicle forward and to the side. Lt. LaDousa asked Mr. Williams not to leave the scene and that there was more information to be gathered. Mr. Williams then drove away fleeing the scene. WAPD made contact with Mr. Williams by phone and requested that he return to the scene. After waiting without Mr. Williams returning to the scene, E-62 officer contacted Mr. Williams by phone asking his ETA back to the scene. Mr. Williams stated that he was taking the food truck to his brother's house. Lt. LaDousa asked the address of the location the food truck would be at. Mr. Williams refused to give an address where he was taking the vehicle. Lt LaDousa informed Mr. Williams that he would need to immediately return the food truck back to the scene. Mr. Williams agreed and then hung up the phone. E62 and WAPD 213 waited on scene but Mr. Williams never returned. Repeated attempts to contact Mr. Williams by West Allis dispatch were made but they state they only got Mr. Williams voicemail. E62 contacted Battalion 6 informing him of the involved vehicle fleeing the scene. Battalion 6 contacted the Health Department. The Health Department stated that they would contact the State."*

*"E-62 was unable to complete a fire investigation. The food truck had a banner on the side with the name Mister Bar-B-Que. The vehicle had no license Plates. There was soot and burns to the*

*back door of the food truck and the back window was broken out. E-62 never had the opportunity to enter the food truck to investigate any further damage or smoke impingement. It is unknown what was burning inside the grill. It is also unknown if there was any interior damage to the food prep area because we never had the opportunity to enter the vehicle before he left. There was charcoal briquettes on the ground after the vehicle drove away. E-62 gather information from WAPD, cleaned debris from the road, and then cleared the scene.”*

*“Do to the involved vehicle fleeing the scene a fire investigation was not completed.”*



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