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Roger T. Korner, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Korner:

Totem Ocean Trailer Express would like to recommend the following for acts of bravery due to the events surrounding a refrigerated trailer fire on board the MV Midnight Sun the night of July 15, 2009:

James Mandato, Chief Engineer, MV Midnight Sun
Russell Wayne Horton, Chief Mate, MV Midnight Sun
Michael A. Crissinger, 3rd Engineer, MV Midnight Sun
Christopher W. Cunningham, Electrician, MV Midnight Sun
Daryl Swiggs, Port Engineer, MV Midnight Sun, Totem Ocean Trailer Express
Andrew Zent, Cargo Specialist, Totem Ocean Trailer Express

At approximately midnight on July 15, 2009, the fire and smoke detection system was automatically activated, and smoke was reported on the 2nd deck forward of ramp #2. The general alarm was sounded throughout the vessel and all working Long Shore employees were evacuated. Fire teams mustered to the fire locker and prepared to gear up. Chief Engineer, James Mandato, Port Engineer Daryl Swiggs and Cargo Specialist Andrew Zent were on board the vessel and within close proximity of the reported smoke. All three were the first responders to the scene and fought their way through thick smoke, and observed the source of the fire to be a 53' refrigerated trailer engulfed in flames reaching the overhead of second deck. The subject trailer was stowed amongst other cargo trailers, which containing hazardous and other types of flammable materials.

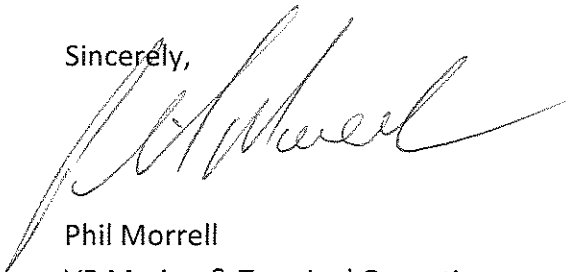
The Engineering Watch Officer, Michael A. Crissinger secured all ventilation fans and electrical breakers, and activated the sprinkler pump. In addition, 3rd Engineer Crissinger secured all power to the reefer plugs on 2nd deck. Chief Mate, Russell Horton, initially attempted to combat the fire with an extinguisher from Main Deck in way of the forward internal ramp, then quickly realized the fire was beyond the capability of the hand held extinguisher and reported to the vessels Fire Locker to properly suit up to fight the fire. During this time Chief Mate Horton secured ventilation and reefer breakers, determined which sprinkler zones were to be activated in order to fight the fire, and then began to pressurize the 2nd deck sprinkler system.

While all of this was happening, first responders Port Engineer Daryl Swiggs, and Cargo Specialist Andrew Zent made their way to a nearby fire station and began to unravel the coiled fire hose and feed it to Chief Engineer, James Mandato who battled the thick smoke and intense heat in attempt extinguished the raging fire. Port Engineer Daryl Swiggs and Cargo Specialist Andrew Zent assisted Chief Engineer Mandato by hose tending and to ensure the Chief Engineer would not become a casualty.

The US Coast Guard Seattle Sector was contacted and arrived on scene in order to conduct an investigation and surveyor for vessel damage. The inspection revealed that several cables were damaged, including smoke detection wiring, which required full repairs be completed prior to sailing. Electrician Christopher Cunningham single-handedly completed repairs to the fire detection system to the USCG satisfaction allowing the vessel to sail at 0700 on July 16, 2009. These timely repairs by Electrician Cunningham allowed the vessel to meet its posted arrival time and discharge schedule in Anchorage with no disruption to service to TOTE's customers.

The above referenced act of heroism and bravery by Chief Engineer James Mandato, Chief Mate Russell Horton, Port Engineer Daryl Swiggs and Cargo Specialist Andrew Zent, prevented what could have become an out of control fire, which would have lead to a major loss of valuable cargo to the citizens of Anchorage, Alaska and quite possibly a constructive total loss of a US Flag dry cargo vessel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Morrell', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name and title.

Phil Morrell

VP Marine & Terminal Operations