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I WAS ON THE 3RD TRUCK TO RESPOND TO THE STRUCTURE FIRE @ 505 ANGEL FIRE ON AUG. 26, 1986 - BY THE TIME WE ARRIVED, THE FIRE WAS PRACTICALLY OUT - SEVERAL FIREMEN WERE TEARING SIDING OFF ~~OF THE~~ RIGHT SIDE OF THE SHED. I ASSISTED IN THIS UNTIL WE STOPPED TO ALLOW THE TPEL LINEMAN TO TIE OFF THE HOT WIRE HANGING FROM THE POLE NEAR THE SHED. THE CHIEF DIRECTED JIM SUTTER & I TO ORGANIZE A SEARCH PARTY FOR THE MISSING BOYS. AS WE STARTED TOWARD THE ST., THE CHIEF CALLED US BACK AND STATED THAT ONE OF THE BOY'S BODY HAD BEEN FOUND INSIDE THE SHED. AT THAT POINT I RETURNED TO THE SHED AND ASSISTED IN THE SEARCH FOR THE SECOND BOY. AFTER THE REMAINDER OF THE FLAMES HAD BEEN EXTINGUISHED ANOTHER FIREMAN (PHIL GREENAWALT, I THINK) STEPPED INSIDE THE FRAME OF THE BUILDING AND BEGAN TO LOOK FOR THE 2ND BOY. AFTER APPROX 5 MIN, WE FOUND HIM @ THE RIGHT REAR CORNER, COVERED WITH DEBRIS. WE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO THE CHIEF & OTHER FIREMEN AROUND THE SHED. WE DID NOT TOUCH EITHER BODY AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE & THE PERSONNEL FROM THE FUNERAL HOME. I ASSISTED THEM IN LIFTING THE FIRST BODY (WHICH WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE FLOOR) ONTO
(OVER)

THEIR STRETCHER AFTER THEY PLACED IT INTO THE
BODY-BAG. AFTER THAT, DEPUTY CHIEF LUCENAY
DIRECTED BILLY COONE & I TO SOAK THE REMAINS
OF THE BUILDING TO PREVENT RE-KINDLING OF THE
FIRE. WE DID THIS UNTIL DIRECTED TO GATHER
UP OUR GEAR & RETURN TO THE STATION. TO THE
BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, THESE WERE MY
ACTIONS DURING THE INCIDENT.

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