

Investigating Quito/Drummonds Fire Department Station #2

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The first things that come to mind when you think of police, firefighters, or paramedics is that they are no-nonsense, down-to-earth people, who basically are afraid of nothing. And that would be correct. These are the individuals who run toward danger while everyone else is running away. The police and firefighters that I know are down-to-earth and fearless people, but that doesn't mean every once a while they don't get creeped out.

In March 2015, my team Spectral Tech was contacted by the Quito/Drummonds Volunteer Fire Department in Drummonds, Tennessee. Apparently, several of the firefighters had experienced things they couldn't explain at the station. They contacted one of our members, Mickey Materna, who happens to have been the Fire Chief at the Quito fire station, to coordinate an investigation by Spectral Tech.

The fire station is a small facility that houses an ambulance and a few fire-fighting vehicles. It has a kitchen, lounge, and sleeping quarters on one side of the vehicle bay and a conference room and an area reserved as a way station for the Sheriff's Department on the other side.

We sat down and interviewed the firefighters who were on duty and were given a tour of where some of the occurrences had taken place. Some of the claims were that there was a constant feeling of being watched in the sleeping quarters, and a few of them felt the sheets being pulled off of them during their sleep.

One of the men told us that he was standing outside the back of the station smoking and saw a little girl standing in the middle of a field that leads to a community park. He said she was just standing there and was staring at him. The disturbing thing was that it was 3:00 a.m. in the morning. When he looked away for a second, she was gone.

They had also heard doors that were hard to open or close slam shut when no one was anywhere near them.



At the Quito/Drummonds Volunteer Fire Department in Drummonds, Tennessee, some of the fire fighters reported a constant feeling of being watched in the sleeping quarters, and a few of them felt the sheets being pulled off of them during their sleep.

Rational Explanations

We began our investigation by sweeping the whole building for random EMF leakage and found that the sleeping area had an abundance of EMF permeating this area. Our K-II meters would light up close to a foot away from some of the receptacles, and the main circuit breaker box sitting right over one of the beds lit up our equipment even more.

Most of the beds were close or right next to where these strong EMF signals were captured and could have easily explained away their feelings of being watched, as well as feelings of sheets being pulled or seeing things nor really there. Many people who are sensitive to EMF experience these kinds of effects when exposed to them,



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and sleeping in beds being bathed in these energies could account for many of the claims.

When walking through the truck bay, you could feel slight cross breezes, and if one of the large doors was partially open and a strong wind came in, it would explain the heavy doors slamming shut.

Initially, it seemed like we could sum it up as overactive imaginations and explain to them that there was nothing paranormal to fear.

Not So Fast ...

Although we had decided that a majority of their claims could be explained away, we decided to set up some of our equipment and do some EVP sessions. We went to an area of the sleeping quarters where we had previously gotten no EMF readings and placed a digital recorder and a K-II meter on one of the beds.

When we asked if anyone was there, the K-II immediately lit up to red in response to questions being asked. We then decided to place two different EMF detectors on the bed, and they also started to light up in unison. On review of this session, all we got on the recorder was some unintelligible words.

We also caught a voice on a digital recorder that said, "I'm in trouble," when we walked past the ambulance parked in the bay. When walking past it the second time, we heard the same "I'm in trouble" on a spirit box we were holding. We later found out that a person had died in that ambulance in transit earlier that day. Apparently, he hadn't realized he was in spirit yet.

Since we wanted to further investigate what was setting

off the K-II meters on the bed we had placed them on, we were invited back to try and find a material source that caused them to light up in unison. We used our two-way radios, listened to radio messages coming into the fire station, but nothing caused them to go off again.

We simply could not explain why they were all lighting up in unison during the previous investigation. We did get a voice on our recorder that said, "Troy slept here," and we later found out that one of the firefighters named Troy did indeed use that bed when he was at the station.

One of the firefighters told us about the young sister of another firefighter who was accidentally killed at home many years before in a gun-related incident and wondered if it was her spirit that they saw in the field. We quickly dismissed this, pointing out that she would have appeared to her brother, not just randomly showing up for someone to see. Only one person ever saw this little girl, so we never used it as a point of evidence.

Tragic History

Our last visit to the fire station was earlier this year. We learned that one of the paramedics was found dead in the lounge of the station. He had said he wasn't feeling well and went home. Apparently, he came back to the station while the others were away and died on the couch.

One of the firefighters wondered if he knew that he was dying and came back to the station so his family wouldn't see him die at home. They wanted us to see if we could get a response from him and possibly learn what prompted him to return to the station.

We did an EVP session but didn't think we got any

responses from him. We did get an unintelligible male voice interjecting corrections about some of the history of the site. If it was indeed the paramedic, he was not going to enlighten us on his reason for returning to the fire station. It could have been that he was just drawn there to visit his comrades who were talking about him.

The fire station was built where a house once sat years before. It was a house where a man was found dead at the foot of his back-porch steps. He had been dead for several days before anyone found him. Two deaths at the same site, by people who were found after they had died, does not seem like it would leave a positive vibrational imprint on the environment.

Toss of the Coin

Although this investigation has spanned over a three-year period, just as much could be explained away as not.

Have massive doses of EMF radiation caused these firefighters to imagine their bedding being pulled off of them and seeing a little girl standing in a field in the middle of the night? Or is the man that died on this very site long ago trying to get them out of his house?

Was it simply a little ghost child playing on the swings in the park that decided to walk over and see the fireman standing outside smoking a cigarette?

Could those who didn't survive their final ambulance ride still be waiting at the station for help?

Some of the firefighters said they do not feel anything unusual, but others still think they are not alone. Sometimes it's just a toss of the coin as to what we observe and conclude.

Unfortunately, that is the nature of many of the investigations we all encounter at some point. ♦



During an EVP session at the Fire Department, the Spectral Tech team captured an unintelligible male voice interjecting corrections about some of the history of the site. Could it have been a paramedic who was found dead in the station's lounge?



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