

**Virginia Mining Institute  
2008 Statement**

**I am \_\_\_\_\_, Superintendent of the Beamer Coal Company, Housewright Mine. You are located underground at the fresh air base. This fresh air base was established when conditions were encountered that required a properly trained and equipped mine rescue team.**

**At 7:00AM this morning, a five-man crew traveled to this section to mine coal. Shortly after production work commenced, the crew apparently mined into an old abandoned mine that was supposed to be some distance away from this area. They called outside to report what occurred but none of the men have been accounted for as yet. There is no way to access the abandoned mine workings from the surface.**

**This mine does liberate methane gas. Poor roof conditions have been encountered at times and some water accumulation has occurred from time to time.**

**A Command Center has been established on the surface of the mine and will function to coordinate information and instructions to and from the team as they work through the mine.**

**The fan at this mine is an exhausting fan. The fan is currently off to prevent pulling blackdamp from the abandoned mine into this mine. The fan is being guarded and can be started by contacting the command center. The fan can only be operated exhausting and once started cannot be turned off. If the fan is started, air will intake up the #3 entry to the fresh air base and will return out the #1 entry.**

**A back-up mine rescue team is available at the mine. All required Federal and State mining agencies have been notified of this problem.**

**We have a competent lifeline judge available (point out). The mine map was updated a few days ago. This is all the information we have.**

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### **Written Problem**

- The briefing officer shall establish communications with the command center prior to the entire team traveling inby the fresh air base.
- Rescue all live persons and bring them to the fresh air base.
- Account for all missing miners.
- The team shall notify the command center immediately after they identify any missing persons and report their name to the Command Center.
- The team shall notify the command center immediately after they encounter an explosive mixture and give the location.

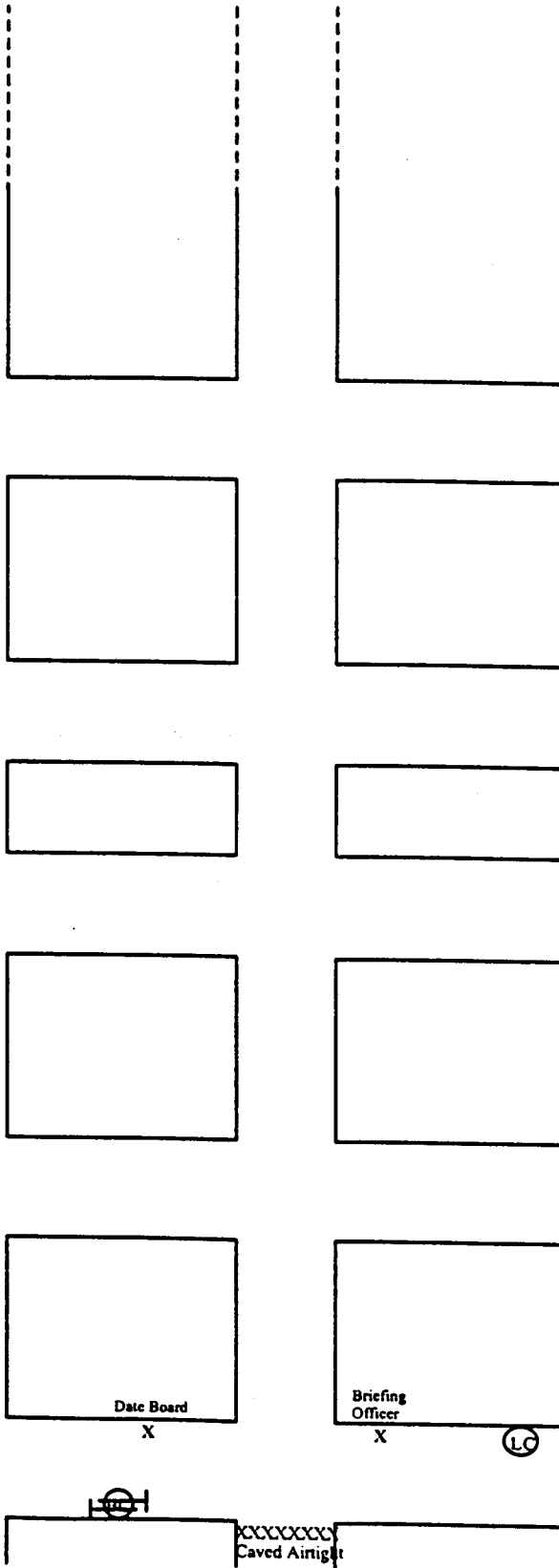
A time limit of 75 minutes has been established for this problem. The team will be advised 10 minutes prior to this time limit expiring.

Team # \_\_\_\_\_

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Scale: 1" = 10'



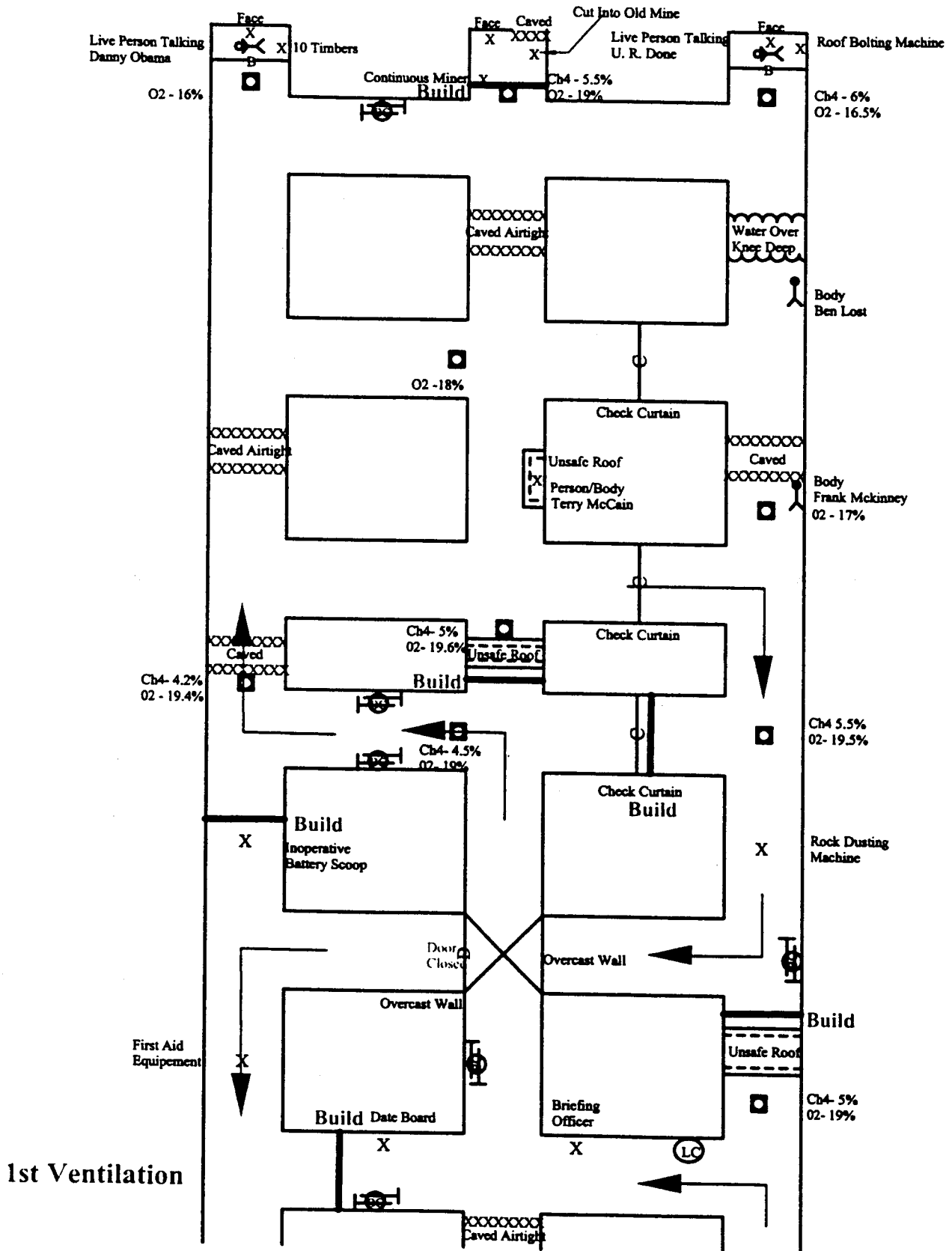
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**Patient Note 1**

**“ Help, Help, get me out..... It is  
airtight behind me.”**

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**Patient Note 2**

**“ Help, Help, get me out..... The area  
I am in is airtight.”**

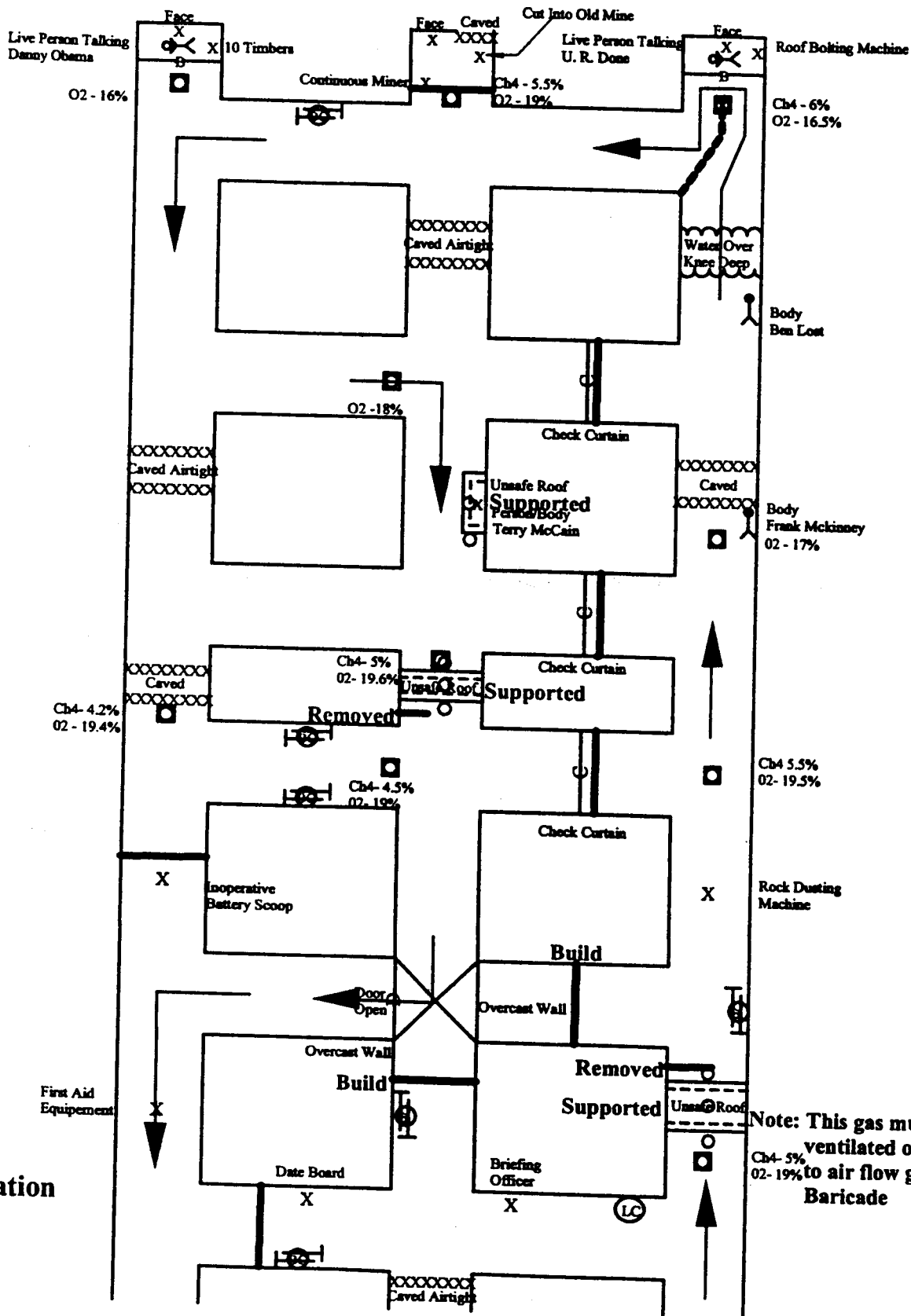
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Note: This gas must be ventilated out, Prior to air flow going to Baricade

3rd Ventilation