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There has been a second arson fire at the Maritime Labour Centre within two years. I was woken up at 3:40 AM by our alarm company to a possible break in at the ILWU Canada office. When I got there about 25 minutes later all the streets were blocked off by fire trucks. When I spoke to the fire department they informed me there had been a break in and a fire was started. Our alarm was set off by the fire department going in to inspect for fire and damage. The fire was out long before I got there and as there was nobody in the building there were no injuries.

Someone had broken through the outside door near the ILWU Canada office and went in and started a fire in the Marine Workers office next door. There is extensive damage there but it seems to be confined to mostly their office.

There is smoke damage throughout the building and water damage is mostly in that area, close to the elevator and throughout the downstairs area.

Our office will be closed indefinitely and we will update you as we get more information. I assume all other offices will be closed in the building as there is no power or phones and extensive smoke damage.

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