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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department.

During the week of January 22 thru January 28, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 713 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

CHILD FIRE PLAY - On January 22 at 12:37 p.m. on the 600 block of Charles Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a bedroom fire that was caused by a child playing with a lighter. The fire was extinguished by the father who was home at the time. Damage is estimated at $400.

- **For information about Fire Play Intervention for a child playing with fire, PLEASE call the fire department's Public Education Office at 651-228-6203.**

CANDLE FIRE - On January 26 at 7:32 p.m. on the 1300 block of Grand Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a fire in an apartment complex. The occupant was burning candles and then went to take a shower. He returned to find one of his candles melted through its side and caught a shirt and window sill on fire. The fire companies extinguished the fire and re-installed a smoke alarm that was inoperable. Damage is estimated at $550.

- **Candles and other open flames are the 2nd leading cause of building fires in Minnesota.**
- **You should not leave a room or go to sleep with candles still burning.**
- **Candles should be in a sturdy holder away from any combustibles like papers and curtains – and keep them out of the reach of children and pets.**

FIREPLACE MANTLE FIRE - On January 26 at 9:18 p.m. on the 500 block of Arlington Avenue West fire companies extinguished a fireplace mantle that caught fire. The owner had a wood backer installed too close to the wood stove. Damage is estimated at $500.

DWELLING FIRE - On January 27 at 4:25 p.m. on the 900 block of Woodbridge Street fire companies were called for a report of a basement fire. Upon arrival, they found flames from a basement bedroom egress window with fire extending up to the first and second floors. The fire began when a space heater was left on igniting combustibles in the room. Damage is estimated at $100,000.

ELECTRICAL FIRE - On January 28 at 5:18 a.m. on the 500 block of Forest Street fire companies responded to report of a fire in a dwelling. Upon arrival, they found a smoldering fire in the ceiling of the upstairs bedroom. The owner was having problems with fuses to the upstairs and had replaced them the prior evening. Damage is estimated at $10,000.

An electrical fire causes $10,000 in damages to this home on the 500 block of Forest Street

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - On January 28 at 7:52 a.m. on Hwy 280 & I094 a 30 year old man was involved in a motor vehicle accident. He did not survive the accident.

HYPOTHERMIA - On January 22 at 12:05 a.m. on 11th Street & Robert Street an 18 year old man was transported to a nearby hospital by Paramedics after being out in the cold for about 3 hours waiting for a friend to pick him up who never came.

- **During the past week of frigid temperatures, paramedics responded to four calls due to cold exposure resulting in two transports to nearby hospitals.**

HYPOTHERMIA - On January 22 at 11:43 a.m. on the 400 block of University Avenue East a 44 year old man was found by Police under a bridge after being out all night. Paramedics treated him for exposure and transported him to a nearby hospital.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On January 26 at 2:18 a.m. on the 500 block of VanBuren Avenue an unidentified man had been shot. He did not survive the gun shot.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - On January 25 at 5:18 a.m. on 7th Street East & Lafayette Road

North a 45 year old man was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.