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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 6th through January 12th, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 837 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

CHILDBIRTH – On January 6th at 5:30 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics were called to a report of a 26 year old woman in labor in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood. Paramedics assisted the woman with delivery of a healthy baby girl and transported mom and baby to an area hospital. Congratulations to the new family!

ASSAULT – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood on January 6th at 4:57 p.m. for a report of a 49 year old female who had been assaulted. The patient was treated and transported to a local hospital.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – At 11:16 p.m. on January 6th, Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the area of Interstate 94 and Fairview Avenue North for a 29 year old male driver who lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a guard rail. The driver was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash. The driver was assessed by the Firefighter/Paramedics and declined any treatment or transportation to a hospital.

CONSTRUCTION TRAILER FIRE – On January 7th at 1:21 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to a report of a construction trailer on fire on the 1100 block of Rankin Street. Firefighters arrived to find and extinguish a fire above a wall heater. A worker stated jackets were hung on both sides of the heater and gloves were on a small shelf above the heater. ***Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heat sources including heaters, furnaces, fireplaces, etc.***



TRAUMATIC INJURY – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the 500 block of Lafond Avenue on January 7th at 8:46 p.m. for a 17 year old male who stated he received a neck injury during a wrestling match. The patient was treated and transported to an area hospital.

FINGERTIP AMPUTATION – On January 8th at 3:34 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the 1200 block of Phalen Boulevard for a report of a 52 year old male with a traumatic injury. The patient stated his finger had been injured in a machine at his workplace. He was treated and transported to an area hospital.

THUMB AMPUTATION – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the Dayton's Bluff area on January 8th at 3:49 p.m. for a 53 year old male who cut off his thumb with a table saw. He was treated and transported to an area hospital.

COOKING FIRE – On January 9th at 5:54 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to the 1300 block of Maynard Drive West for a report of a grease fire in an apartment building. Firefighters arrived to find and extinguish a fire that began in a pot of oil on the stovetop. The resident reported heating oil to cook, falling asleep, and then awakening to the fire alarms sounding. Damages are estimated at \$11,000. ***Stay and look when you cook! Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and completely preventable!***



VEHICLE/DUPLEX FIRE – Saint Paul Firefighters braved double-digit sub-zero windchills on January 10th when responding to the 800 block of Desoto Street at 2:11 p.m. for a report of a duplex fire. They arrived to discover a SUV on fire behind the house that had caught the side of the duplex on fire and extended into the attic. The fire started when a man was working on the vehicle, dropped the gas tank, causing gasoline to spill, and then he got in a different vehicle to warm up and smoke. The gasoline vapors were ignited by either a spark from the running vehicle or a match from lighting a cigarette. Damages are estimated at \$216,900. ***Keep any source of fire or sparks away from gasoline vapors. Most people do not appreciate just how volatile gasoline really is!***



COOKING FIRE - On November 12th at 2:48 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighters responded to the 400 block of Carroll Avenue for a report of a fire in a single family home. They arrived to find fire burning in the wall and ceiling above the stove and microwave. The fire appeared to have started on the stove, which then ignited the microwave and spread to the attic. Damages are estimated at \$70,000. ***Stay and look when you cook to prevent cooking fires!***

