



# News

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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 20<sup>th</sup> through January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 846 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**TRAUMA** – On January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:09 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the Highland neighborhood for a 55 year old female with a laceration on the back of her head. The patient was treated and transported to an area hospital.

**ABDOMINAL PAIN** – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the West 7<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:06 p.m. for a 23 year old pregnant female with abdominal pain. She was assessed and transported to an area hospital.

**ASSAULT** – On January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:19 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the North End-South Como neighborhood for a 17 year old female who had been assaulted. The patient was assessed and declined transportation to a hospital for further treatment.

**SEIZURE** – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to a report of a 24 year old female having a seizure on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in Downtown Saint Paul. A male with the patient stated she had suffered three seizures in a 45-minute period following smoking synthetic marijuana. The patient was treated and transported to an area hospital.

**CARDIAC ARREST** – On January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:43 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics were called to the Summit-Hill neighborhood for a report of a 19 year old in cardiac arrest and not breathing. Firefighter/Paramedics arrived to find the patient unconscious due to a reported overdose, treated her and were able to restore her pulse, breathing, and consciousness before transporting her to an area hospital.

**FIRE CAUSED BY SMOKING** – Saint Paul Firefighters were called to a report of smoke in a building on the 400 block of Main Street on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Firefighters arrived to find a small fire on a radiator that had mostly been extinguished using a fire extinguisher prior to their arrival. The fire was caused by an improperly discarded cigarette that started clothing on fire. Damages are estimated at \$100. ***Properly dispose of cigarettes in a wide, deep, ashtray. Empty ashtrays frequently to prevent accumulation of cigarette butts. Also, do not place items that can catch fire on top of radiators or space heaters!***



**APARTMENT FIRE** – On January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:25 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to a report of a fire alarm sounding in an apartment building on the 6200 block of Bloomington Road. Firefighters arrived to find a small fire in a closet that had been extinguished by residents using a fire extinguisher and one fire sprinkler head. The occupant admitted to burning incense in the closet. Damages are estimated at \$1,000. ***Keep lit incense and candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn and never leave lit incense or candles in a room unattended.***



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