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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 December 30th through January 5th, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 787 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

COLD WEATHER WARNING – Be prepared for the cold weather moving in this coming weekend! If you go outside, dress warm to prevent frostbite injuries. ***Never use an oven/stove to heat your home!*** Use a space heater, plugged directly into an outlet (no extension cord), kept at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn such as furniture, bedding, toys, etc. and always turn off space heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep. Heating is the second leading cause of residential fires in Minnesota (cooking is the leading cause of residential fires).

LABOR – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics were called on December 30th to the West Seventh neighborhood for a 22 year old pregnant female in labor. The patient was assessed and transported to a local hospital.

FIRE IN WALL BY CHIMNEY – On January 1st at 5:27 a.m., firefighters were called to Robie Street West for a report of smoke in a dwelling. They arrived to find smoke in the attic and the occupant reported using the fireplace all day on the previous day. He said the fire was down to a few coals when he went to bed and awoke to find an odor of smoke in the home and the wall hot to the touch. The fire in the wall was caused by long term burning in the fireplace combined with possible cracks in the brick and mortar of the chimney. ***Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional at least once a year!***



CARDIAC ARREST – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to a report of a 43 year old female in cardiac arrest on January 2nd at 4:21 a.m. on Saint Paul's Greater East Side. Paramedics performed CPR administered several medications for over 30 minutes but were unable to resuscitate the patient.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – On January 2nd at 1:00 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to a 48 year old male injured in a motor vehicle crash near East 7th Street and Mounds Boulevard. The patient was assessed and taken to an area hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the area of Montreal Avenue and Snelling Avenue on January 3rd at 3:59 a.m. for a 25 year old male who was injured when the vehicle he was driving crashed into a tree. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and alcohol may have been a factor. ***Always wear your seat belt and don't drink and drive!***

STABBING – On January 5th at 11:24 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics responded to the Union Park neighborhood for a report of a 21 year old male who'd been stabbed. The patient was treated for several lacerations and transported to an area hospital.