



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 February 10th through February 16th, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 794 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

CARDIAC ARREST – On February 10th at 11:11 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to a facility on the 400 block of Lynnhurst Avenue West for a report of a 57 year old female in cardiac arrest. Despite attempts by on-site staff and Saint Paul Fire Department personnel, all resuscitative efforts were unsuccessful.

ABDOMINAL PRESSURE – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs were called on February 10th at 11:46 a.m. to the Highland neighborhood for a 28 year old pregnant female who was experiencing abdominal pressure. She was assessed and transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – On February 10th at 4:29 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the area of Johnson Parkway and Wilson Avenue for a 23 year old pregnant female experiencing abdominal pain as the result of a motor vehicle crash. The patient was assessed and transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs were called to the area of White Bear Avenue and East 7th Street on February 10th for a 38 year old female experiencing wrist and back pain after a motor vehicle crash. The patient was assessed and declined transportation to the hospital.

LABOR – On February 14th at 12:50 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters/Paramedics and EMTs were called to the area of Smith Avenue North and Kellogg Boulevard West for a 37 year old pregnant female in labor. The patient was found in her vehicle and was transported to an area hospital by Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs.

VEHICLE FIRE – On February 14th at 5:27 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to a report of a vehicle fire on the 1900 block of Como Avenue at the same time the vehicle owner knocked on the door of Fire Station #23 reporting his vehicle was a block away and smoke was coming from his dashboard. Firefighters arrived to find the vehicle fully involved in fire. The cause of the fire was ruled electrical. Damages are estimated at \$2,300.



CARDIAC ARREST – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs were called to a home on the Greater East Side on February 14th at 6:11 a.m. for a report of a 35 year old female in cardiac arrest. After significant resuscitative efforts, Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs were able to regain a pulse in the patient and transport her to an area hospital for further care.

VEHICLE FIRE – ARSON – Saint Paul Firefighters responded to a reported vehicle fire on the 900 block of Jenks Avenue East on February 15th at 5:28 a.m. Firefighters arrived to find two vehicles with interior fire damage from fires that had been extinguished by a neighbor with a fire extinguisher. The cause of the fires was determined to be arson. Damages are estimated at \$9,750. Saint Paul Police and Fire Departments are investigating.



ARSON FIRE IN CHURCH – On February 15th at 7:18 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to the 500 block of Farrington Street for a report of a small fire in the foyer of a church. Firefighters arrived to find the fire had been extinguished. The occupant stated he smelled something burning and discovered a small fire from a blanket burning on a table. The cause of the fire was determined to be arson. Damages are estimated at \$700.

BASEMENT FIRE – Saint Paul Firefighters were called to the 1900 block of Arlington Avenue East on February 15th at 2:45 p.m. for a report of flames coming from the electrical panel of a residence. Firefighters arrived to find and extinguish a basement fire. The occupants stated the lights went dim and approximately two minutes later, the breaker panel door blew open and there were flames coming from the panel. They after unsuccessfully using a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, they left the basement and called 9-1-1. The cause of the fire was electrical. Damages are estimated at \$50,000. ***Always call 9-1-1 BEFORE attempting to extinguish a fire yourself. Fires can double in size in just one minute, so getting the fire department started as soon as possible can make a huge difference in the amount of damage from a fire.***



KITCHEN FIRE – On February 15th at 4:07 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to the 600 block of Burr Street for a report of smoke coming from a dwelling. Firefighters arrived to find and extinguish a fire in the kitchen. An occupant stated he awoke to the smell of smoke and found a fire burning in the corner of the kitchen and exited the home and called 9-1-1. The ignition source was most likely an improperly discarded cigarette in a garbage can. Damages are estimated at \$80,000. ***Always discard cigarettes in a wide, deep ashtray and wet them down before throwing the butts in a garbage can.***



COOKING FIRE – Saint Paul Firefighters were called to the 1700 block of Graham Avenue on February 16th at 11:20 p.m. for a report of a fire in an apartment. The occupant stated he had been heating oil to make doughnuts when the oil on the stove caught on fire. He ran to the hallway to get a fire extinguisher and used the extinguisher at the same time the fire sprinkler system activated in the kitchen. Damages are estimated at \$7,000. ***Always stay and look when***

you cook to prevent cooking fires. If you do have a cooking fire, turn off the burner and slide a tight-fitting lid over the pot. As you can see from the bottom left photo, the fire sprinkler system stopped the fire before significant damage could be done!

