



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 17th through February 23rd, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 735 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

LABOR – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to a home in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood on February 18th at 12:50 am for a pregnant 24 year old female in labor. The patient was assessed and transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

VEHICLE FIRE – On February 18th at 6:01 am, Saint Paul Firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Arkwright Street for a report of a vehicle on fire. Firefighters arrived to find and extinguish a fire in the engine compartment of a vehicle. The driver stated she started the car to warm it up when it suddenly stopped running and smoke began coming from under the hood. The driver exited the vehicle and called 9-1-1. Damages are estimated at \$1,100.



COOKING FIRE – On February 18th at 12:25 pm, Saint Paul Firefighters responded the 500 block of Sherburne Avenue for a cooking fire. An occupant was heating a pan of oil when she walked away from the stove after putting a lid on the pan. She returned to the kitchen, removed the lid and condensation on the lid dripped into the hot oil, causing it to boil over and ignite. She extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher but suffered minor burns to her hands from trying to fight the fire. ***Always call 9-1-1 before attempting to extinguish a fire yourself! Electric fryers are often a safer alternative to heating oil on a stove top.***



MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the area of East 10th Street and Minnesota Street on February 18th at 3:05 pm for a 44 year old female and a 62 year old female, both involved in motor vehicle crash. Both patients were assessed for injuries and transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

LIBRARY FIRE – Saint Paul Firefighters responded to a report of a fire on the roof of the James J. Hill Library on February 18th at 4:36 pm. They arrived to find and extinguish a small fire around an exhaust pipe on the roof. A service company had been working on the generator earlier in the day and the fire is believed to have been caused by excessive heat from the generator. Damages are estimated at \$26,000.



GUNSHOT WOUND – On February 18th at 11:56 pm, Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs were called to the area of Burr Street and Case Avenue for a 16 year old male who reported being shot while walking. His wound was bandaged and he was transported to an area hospital for further care.

GARAGE FIRE – Saint Paul Firefighters responded to a report of smoke coming from a garage on the 700 block of Hall Avenue on February 19th at 8:28 am. Firefighters arrived to find and quickly extinguish a fire in the interior of the garage. The occupant reported smelling a burning odor the previous day but thought it was due to his wood burning stove. The cause of the fire was likely an overloaded power strip with several items plugged in. Damages are estimated at \$3,500.



COOKING FIRE – On February 21st at 8:13 am, Saint Paul Firefighters responded to an apartment on the 1300 block of Maynard Drive West for a report of smoke coming from an apartment. Firefighters arrived to find and extinguish a fire on the stove in the apartment. The occupant stated he was heating oil, left the kitchen, and lost track of time. He smelled smoke and returned to the kitchen, saw fire coming from the pot, and attempted to smother it with a towel without success. A neighbor heard the smoke alarm sounding and saw smoke coming from under the apartment door, called 9-1-1, had the occupant evacuate the apartment, and attempted to extinguish the fire with two extinguishers from the apartment door. Damages are estimated at \$30,000. ***Cooking fires are the leading cause of residential fires and are 100% preventable. When you cook, stay and look!***



LABOR – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the 900 block of Grand Avenue on February 22nd at 4:44 pm for a 27 year old pregnant female in labor whose baby's heartrate was dropping. The patient was transported to an area hospital for further care.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – On February 23rd at 8:13 am, Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the area of East 3rd Street and Tell Street for a 47 year old female with neck pain as the result of a motor vehicle crash. The patient was evaluated and transported to an area hospital.