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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 27th through February 2nd, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 809 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

With the recent snowfall, please shovel out around the fire hydrants in your neighborhood and at your workplace. Easily accessible fire hydrants mean firefighters can get water on a fire faster in order to save lives and property!



FALL – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded on January 27th at 5:15 p.m. to the Union Park neighborhood for an 8 year old male who fell off an indoor play structure and hit his back on a slide. The patient was assessed and transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

LABOR – On January 28th at 3:46 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood for a 29 year old pregnant female in labor. The patient was assessed and transported to an area hospital.

ASSAULT – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the 400 block of University Avenue West on January 28th at 11:55 p.m. for a 49 year old male who had been assaulted. The victim was treated and transported to an area hospital.

ROPE RESCUE – On January 29th at 11:45 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to the area of Otto Avenue and Shepherd Road for a 59 year old man who had descended down the river bluff on a rope and was unable to climb back up. Firefighters trained in rope rescue were able to put a harness on the man and bring him up the bluff using ropes.



COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRE – Saint Paul Firefighters responded to a report of garbage on fire behind a building on the 800 block of Hersey Street on January 29th at 7:46 p.m. They arrived to find cardboard burning outside in a paper and cardboard bunker storage area at a paper recycling facility. The fire is believed to have been caused by sparks from wires and/or a tractor. Damages are estimated at \$2,000.



STABBING – Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the 100 block of Rose Avenue East on January 29th at 10:11 p.m. for a 31 year old male who had been stabbed in the arm. The patient was treated and transported to an area hospital.

ASSAULT – On January 31st at 6:42 p.m., Saint Paul Firefighter/Paramedics and EMTs responded to the Frogtown neighborhood for a 27 year old female who reported being choked. The victim was assessed and declined any further treatment or transportation to a hospital.

COOKING FIRE CAUSED BY YOUTH FIRE PLAY – On February 1st at 11:41 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters responded to the 2000 block of East Orange Avenue for a report of a dwelling fire. Firefighters arrived to find a kitchen fire that had started on the stovetop and was already extinguished. A resident said that while the adults in the home were sleeping, a 4 year old child was playing and turned one of the stove burners to the “on” position, igniting cooking oil left in a pot on the stovetop. Smoke alarms woke the sleeping residents who found the fire and turned the burner off, extinguishing the fire. Damages are estimated at \$7,000. ***Be sure to supervise young children and use child-resistant knobs on your stove. The results of this fire would have been much more severe if working smoke alarms had not woken the residents! Check your smoke alarms monthly, replace the battery yearly, and replace the alarm every 10 years. Saint Paul homeowners can have their smoke alarms checked and replaced for FREE as part of Project Safe Haven by calling 651-228-6273.***



ELECTRICAL FIRE IN A COMMERCIAL BUILDING – On February 2nd at 7:33 a.m., Saint Paul Firefighters were called to the 300 block of Washington Street for a report in the basement of a commercial high rise building. Firefighters found a fire in an electrical equipment cabinet in the lower level of the parking ramp. Firefighters extinguished the fire using carbon dioxide extinguishers. The fire was caused by malfunctioning electrical equipment. Damages are estimated at \$160,000.

