

## **SPRWS Vehicle Accident Summary 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022**

**SPRWSVA 2022-12 - 10/07/22 - 5:30 P.M. Distribution Division:** SPRWS Turn-On truck #627 was parked on SB Maplewood Drive at Larpenteur in the far-right lane near the intersection when vehicle #2 drove past and turned right/WB onto Larpenteur and scraped #627's left front bumper with its passenger side and only left paint marks on the bumper. St. Paul Police attended the accident scene. No injuries.

**SPRWS 2022-12.5 – 11/02/22 – 11:00 A.M. – Vadnais:** SPRWS Supervisor was northbound on Rice Street (east side of Rice) and while passing through an electrical contractor's jobsite at Geranium in truck #681 at 15 m.p.h., the overhead wires and cable flew up and/or dropped onto the hood and windshield of #681, prompting the driver to stop almost immediately in the crosswalk.

The dropping/flying up of the wires and cable onto the hood of #681 was caused by a southbound Met-Council bus that drove past a telephone pole on the west side of Rice Street that was holding these same electrical wires vertically as well as driving over the wires and cable laying on the E/W crosswalk of Rice.

A split second after contacting the wires/cable above, and continuing to drive further southbound on Rice Street, the loose wires & cable started unspooling from the rolls of wire/cable or loose cable/wire at the East side of Rice Street and wrapped around nearby electrical worker's leg and dragged him into the rear portion of the front right wheel well of #681, and severed a lower leg from the worker, before striking the front end of a Chevrolet Colorado behind #681, pushing the engine into the inside cab of the truck.

911 was called. St. Paul Fire Paramedics and Police arrived while co-workers of the injured electrical worker were performing first aid. The paramedics took over and packaged up the injured worker and brought him to Regions Hospital for reattachment surgery. There were no injuries to the chevy driver or SPRWS driver. St. Paul police shut down Rice Street for several hours to investigate the accident.

**SPRWSVA 2022-13 – 11/14/22 – 7:50 A.M. Business Division:** SPRWS Meter Technician was driving SB in Vehicle #536 on an extremely icy Dale Street in the right lane. As the SPRWS driver was nearing Jessamine Street he saw a parked car ahead and changed lanes legally to the left lane where driver encountered a car in front of him slowing down and as SPRWS driver slowed down, Vehicle #2 behind him started honking their horn to warn #536 that they were sliding and rear-ended #536. Both drivers pulled over and called St. Paul Police. There was no damage to either vehicle. Driver of #536 brought #536 to the SPRWS garage and the supervisor verified no damage.

**SPRWSVA 2022-14 – 12/06/22 – 1:30 P.M. Distribution Division:** SPRWS truck #633 was parked on the south side of E 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Arcade when Vehicle #2 heading WB, drove past and struck the driver's side mirror with the right side of #2 and continued driving and not stopping – completing the hit and run accident. No further information.

**SPRWSVA 2022-15 – 12/30/22 – Afternoon Engineering - DPU:** Awaiting report to be completed. SPRWS engineering van was driving past a parked and unattended vehicle and due to tight driving lanes, struck the drivers side mirror of vehicle #2 with the passenger side mirror of his engineering van. Employee notified the owner via St. Paul Police. A claim form was sent and a claim has been initiated by owner of #2.