

## St. Paul Regional Water Services

### Vehicle Accident Summary 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019

**2019-0.5 Distribution 1/17/19 9:10 A.M. (missed 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Vehicle Accident Summary):** SPRWS WUWI in turn-on truck #640 was driving on EB W 7<sup>th</sup> Street near St. Paul Avenue when the driver felt dizzy. Driver pulled into a McDonalds restaurant to pull over and try to stop until they felt better and was at the south end of the lot on Benson Avenue. Prior to stopping, the employee lost consciousness and inadvertently depressed the accelerator and drove EB approximately 300 feet, missing all objects along the way until crashing through a fence and into a garage where #640 came to rest. A manager from McDonalds helped the employee out of the truck on the passenger side while the truck was still running. The truck ignition was shut off 10 minutes later.

The employee was transported by SPFD to Regions Hospital where he stayed the night with various injuries. Damage to truck #640 totaled \$1500.00 in parts and \$500.00 Garage labor.

This case was determined to be a medical case that led to the vehicle accident and was reported to Minnesota OSHA, whom requested more information which was supplied. The case was not followed up by OSHA after the SPRWS response.

The Accident Review Board found no fault factor for this accident due to the medical nature of the crash. Claims are still pending for property and vehicle damage.

**SPRWSVA-2019-09 Distribution 04/28/2019:** Distribution WUWII driving Turn-On Truck #508 EB on Cesar Chavez with towed compressor was stopped and waiting to turn left onto Anita when vehicle #2 bumped into the compressor's right-side tire. There was no damage to the SPRWS compressor or tire and minor damage to #2. St. Paul Police attended the accident scene and made a report. No further action.

**SPRWS Distribution 05/14/2019 4:00 P.M. - Stolen Vehicle Accident on 10th Street between Jackson and Robert Streets.**

SPRWS Ford pickup truck #670 was parked and unattended with the ignition accessory switch on to run the roof flasher. Truck #670 was facing NB (on E/W 10<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Jackson) to block employees from EB traffic while they worked near a sewer manhole and catch basin.

While the employees were working the unknown suspect entered truck #670, started the engine and drove off at a high rate of speed NB to WB on 10<sup>th</sup> Street where the now out of control driver struck/sideswiped the left rear quarter panel of an EB (vehicle #2) Toyota Sienna Van with 7 occupants (injuring one child that was treated and released by SPFD medics) before #670 deflected off #2 into #3 (16' SPRWS tandem axel trailer) attached to #4 (SPRWS pickup truck #605) jackknifing the trailer and damaging the bumper of #605 and pushing #605 into a parked and unattended VW #5 (no damage) all while deflecting off the trailer SB into the front entrance are of #6, a Beauty Salon business located at 136 10<sup>th</sup> Street E and causing major damage to the entrance.

SPPD reviewed CCTV from #6/Beauty Salon of the suspect exiting the rear hall and door but could not get adequate facial recognition other than a general description of race, age, height and clothing.