

St. Paul Regional Water Services Vehicle Accident Summary
4th Quarter 2014

Vehicle Accidents:

October: 5

November: 1

December: 2

SPRWSVA 2014-16 Distribution Division 10/09/14: SPRWS Crew Van #675 was NB on Dale near Cook Street when an unidentified vehicle two vehicles in front of it slammed on its brakes to turn without any notice or signal. This caused the driver directly in front of #675 to slam on its brakes to avoid hitting the unidentified vehicle and for vehicle #675 to slam on its brakes too to avoid hitting the vehicle in front of it, but #675 could not stop in time and rear-ended vehicle #2.

No injuries were reported. There was minimal to no damage to the bumper of the SPRWS vehicle and moderate rear-end damage to vehicle #2.

SPRWSVA 2014-17 Engineering 10/15/14: SPRWS Technician Van was SB on Hwy 52, exited at Mendota Road and stopped behind vehicle #2. As vehicle #2 proceeded to pull ahead to turn WB on Mendota Road, the SPRWS driver looked to his left to check traffic and slowly moved forward when vehicle #2 quickly stopped (reason unknown) and when the SPRWS driver looked forward again – it was too late and he rear-ended vehicle #2.

No injuries were reported. There was minor bumper damage to the SPRWS vehicle, while vehicle # 2 had a cracked/broken rear bumper. The Minnesota State Patrol was nearby and completed the crash report.

SPRWSVA 2014-18 Engineering 10/06/14: SPRWS Technician Van #1 and SPRWS Technician Van #2 were backing into the middle of the road to leave the jobsite at the same time from different directions and were in each other's blind spot when Van #1 struck the left side of Van #2, causing a dent in the side panel of #2. No injuries.

SPRWSVA 2014-19 Distribution 10/27/14: SPRWS Water Utility Worker I was WB on Wheelock behind vehicle #2 (Toyota), both were turning NB onto Hwy 61 on a green light when vehicle #2 stopped at the yield sign (when no traffic was in the area) and proceeded again and then stopped quickly again at the yield sign which led to the driver of the SPRWS Pickup truck to rear-end #2 due to thinking the driver would keep merging onto the NB lane of Hwy 61. When the SPRWS driver realized #2 was stopping again (for no reason) it was too late to react in this case and he bumped the rear bumper of #2 with his bumper. There was no damage to the SPRWS truck, while vehicle # 2 sustained a cracked bumper on a previously damaged bumper. SPPD attended the accident scene.

SPRWSVA 2014-20 Engineering 10/29/14: SPRWS Technician Van #541 was NB on Sibley and drove into the alley between 4th and 5th streets to go around the block to the other side of the street due to being on the wrong side of the street. Once in the alley, Van #541 was blocked by a dumpster in the middle of the alley. As driver of #541 tried to back out of the alley to again drive NB on Sibley he misjudged his position and backed into a parked car and damaged its LF headlight and bumper. SPPD attended the scene.

SPRWSVA 2014-21 Distribution 11/24/14: SPRWS WSWII – driving Crew Van #574 was SB on Robert in the left lane and got too close to the Pepsi delivery truck he was passing and clipped it's drivers side mirror with the passenger side mirror of #574. Both drivers exchanged information and SPRWS is awaiting a response from Pepsi as to whether they will file a claim for damage. Pepsi turned the claim over to an Adjustor and the Adjustor is in contact with SPRWS Safety to begin resolving the claim.

SPRWSVA 2014-22 Distribution 12/01/14: SPRWS Supervisor in Truck #605 was EB on Larpenteur just past Jackson in the left lane and switched to the right lane to avoid a tow truck blocking the left lane. When he drove over the crest of the hill, he saw vehicle #2 parked in the right lane causing him to lock up his brakes to stop, but there was not enough space and #605 rear-ended #2 causing moderate damage to #2 and minor damage to #605's front end. St. Paul Police said it was legal for #2 to park in the right lane – but it was a very dangerous place to do so. Contact and claims information have been sent to attorney for #2 and a claim has been fined.

SPRWSVA 2014-23 Distribution 12/15/14: SPRWS Supervisor in Truck #543 was stopped at a red light on WB Annapolis at Robert. SPRWS driver believed the light turned Green and thus he drove WB into the intersection and noticed #2 SB on Robert not stopping. Both drivers locked up their brakes and skidded in the intersection and #2 struck the SPRWS vehicle. The right front bumper of #543 and the left front bumper/hood/fender/light of #2 sustained damage. St. Paul Police attended the accident scene. SPRWS received the Police crash report and it stated that the SPRWS driver "Failed to Yield the Right of Way" which the SPRWS driver says is wrong; SPRWS driver is in the process of contacting the SPPD Officer to amend the police report. SPRWS driver thinks the other driver was trying to run a yellow/red light and was unable to stop for the stopped SPRWS vehicle and ran into the SPRWS vehicle without even trying to avoid the accident by moving to the right. Both drivers are claiming they had a green light.