



Saint Paul Fire Department  
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## Investigation Report

### Case

#### Case Details

SPFD230122003523	Blank, Joseph	Open	N/A
Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
Confidential	Accidental	Smoking	
Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause	
01/22/2023	21:12		
Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
Saint Paul Fire Department		Saint Paul Police Department	
Primary Fire Department	Secondary Fire Department	Law Enforcement	

#### Case Narrative

The fire department was called to the report of a fire in a dwelling. Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire conditions venting from windows on the north and east sides of the structure on the second floor. The occupant of the fire involved bedroom said he was smoking in the room and put his smoking material in a paper cup on his desk and then left the room to use the bathroom. While in the bathroom the alarms sounded and when he and other residents opened their doors on the second floor they were met with heavy black smoke conditions and evacuated the residence. Investigation revealed fire patterns and metal fatigue of the bed mattress across from the desk where the smoking material was reportedly discarded. No other ignition sources were identified in the area of fire origin.

#### Case Background

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#### Case Synopsis

This report is based on presently known and available facts, data, and information.

#### Investigation Comments