



Saint Paul Fire Department
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Investigation Report

Case

Case Details

SPFD240915046459	Blank, Joseph	Consult	N/A
Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
Confidential	Accidental	Smoking	
Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause	
09/15/2024	15:11		
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 smoke coming from a deck. Firefighters arrived to find a small fire burning on a rear exterior deck. The occupant on the floor above said the wind blew an ignited cigarette from her hand and it fell down to the deck below. The occupant said a few minutes later she saw smoke coming from the deck below and poured a pot of water on it from her deck above and then called 911. Investigation reveals numerous discarded cigarette butts on the deck that suffered fire damage as well as the ground below at street level.

Case Background

Case Synopsis

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

Investigation Comments

Conclusion

Case Conclusion

After examination of the fire scene, observation of fire patterns of both movement and intensity and interview conducted, it is my opinion the fire began on the deck. The ignition source is a lit cigarette. The first fuel ignited is wood decking. The oxidant is atmospheric air. The action that brought these items together is due to the dropping of a lit cigarette onto wood. The classification of fire cause is accidental. This concludes my investigation and report.

Signature

Blank, Joseph

Lead Investigator

Signature

Date Submitted

Document Attachment List

Photo Log

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