



Saint Paul Fire Department
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Investigation Report

Case

Case Details

SPFD250910046262	Leier, William	Open	Need from notes.
Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
Confidential	Undetermined	Undetermined	
Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause	
09/10/2025	02:57		
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 in a residence at 496 North Street. Firefighters arrived and found the neighboring address, 594 Brunson Street, a vacant duplex, actively involved in fire.

Individuals on scene reported smelling smoke in their own home at 496 North Street. After going outside to investigate the source, the witnesses observed smoke coming from the vacant duplex next door.

The investigation revealed that a fire occurred in the vacant residence at 594 Brunson Street. Due to defensive fire operations that lasted more than six hours, examination was significantly limited. Mass loss indicated that the fire originated in the first-floor kitchen area, which was under construction, and quickly extended to the second story. Because of safety and collapse concerns, documentation was confined to portions of the structure that could be safely accessed. Investigators also remained on scene during teardown to obtain additional views of previously undocumented sections.

Investigation also reveals that the property has been vacant for multiple years and had a deadline of September 15th to teardown or alter the structure.

This report will be updated as further findings become available.

Case Background

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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 interviews conducted, it is my opinion the fire began in the first-floor kitchen area of the vacant residence. The area of origin is the kitchen of the duplex on the first floor. The first fuel/material ignited is undetermined, due to mass loss and structural collapse. The ignition source is undetermined. The oxidant is normal atmospheric air. The action that brought these items together is undetermined. The classification of fire cause is undetermined. This concludes my investigation and report.

Signature

Leier, William

Lead Investigator

Signature

Date Submitted

Document Attachment List