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Investigation Report

Case

Case Details

SPFD240727036442	Blank, Joseph	Open	N/A
Case Number	Lead Investigator	Status	Name
Confidential	Accidental	Accidental (Unintentional)	
Confidentiality	Disposition	Fire Cause	
07/27/2024	12:24		
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 dwelling fire. Firefighters arrived and found smoke showing from the front of the dwelling and extinguished a kitchen fire. The owner said Excel Energy had turned the power off to the structure because no one was identified as living at the address. The owner was coming out to the address this morning to turn off the main breaker at the electric distribution panel at Excel's direction before they turned the power back on. When the owner arrived at the structure he heard the smoke detectors sounding inside and discovered a major smoke condition when he opened the front door. Investigation reveals numerous items from a new tenant moved into the structure on the first floor in addition to items on top of the electric range including a cardboard box. Excel Energy confirmed that they turned the power back on at 10:57 a.m. and the owner called in the fire at 12:23 p.m.

in a _____. Firefighters arrived and found _____. Firefighters evacuated the structure, extinguished the fire and conducted overhaul. Command was terminated and the scene was released.

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 kitchen. The ignition source is an energized electric range heating element. The first fuel ignited is corrugated cardboard. The oxidant is atmospheric air. The action that brought these items together is probably due to a range control knob being accidentally turned on prior to power being restored to the structure. The classification of fire cause is accidental. This concludes my investigation and report.

Signature

Blank, Joseph		
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Lead Investigator	Signature	Date Submitted
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Document Attachment List

Photo Log