MM DD 62210 MN 07 28 FDID * State * Incident Date *	YYYY Delete NFIRS -1 2014 14 14-0022898 000 Change Basic Station Incident Number * Exposure * No Activity			
B Location* Check this box to Indicate that the address for this incident is provided on the Wildland Fire Census Tract 0321 - 00				
X Street address Intersection In front of Rear of Adjacent to Directions Att./Suite/Room City	INT PAUL MN 55104 -			
C Incident Type *	E1 Date & Times Midnight is 0000 E2 Shift & Alarms			
111 Building fire	Check boxes if Month Day Year Hr Min Sec Local Option dates are the same as Alarm ALARM always required A. ALARM always required A. ALARM			
D Aid Given or Received*	Date. Alarm # 07 28 2014 23:15:30 Shift or Platoon Platoon ARRIVAL required, unless canceled or did not arrive			
1 Mutual aid received 2 Automatic aid recv. 3 Mutual aid given 4 Automatic aid given 5 Other aid given N X None Their FDID Their State Their FDID Their State Their FDID Their State Their Incident Number	X Arrival * 07 28 2014 23:17:42 E3 Special Studies			
F Actions Taken *	G1 Resources * G2 Estimated Dollar Losses & Values			
11 Extinguishment by fire Primary Action Taken (1) 51 Ventilate Additional Action Taken (2)	Check this box and skip this section if an Apparatus or Personnel form is used. Apparatus Personnel Suppression 0003 Property \$ 194, 000 Contents \$, 218, 000 PRE-INCIDENT VALUE: Optional			
12 Salvage & overhaul	Other 0013 Property \$, 000, 000			
Additional Action Taken (3)	Check box if resource counts include aid received resources. Contents \$, 000, 000			
Completed Modules X Fire-2	None None			
J Property Use* Structures	341 Clinic, clinic type infirmary 539 Household goods, sales, repairs 342 Doctor/dentist office 579 Motor vehicle/boat sales/repair			
131 Church, place of worship 161 Restaurant or cafeteria 162 Bar/Tavern or nightclub 213 Elementary school or kindergarten 215 High school or junior high 241 College, adult education 311 Care facility for the aged 331 Hospital	361 Prison or jail, not juvenile 571 Gas or service station 419 X 1-or 2-family dwelling 599 Business office 429 Multi-family dwelling 615 Electric generating plant 439 Rooming/boarding house 629 Laboratory/science lab 449 Commercial hotel or motel 700 Manufacturing plant 459 Residential, board and care 819 Livestock/poultry storage(barn) 464 Dormitory/barracks 882 Non-residential parking garage 519 Food and beverage sales 891 Warehouse			
Outside 124 Playground or park 655 Crops or orchard 669 Forest (timberland) 807 Outdoor storage area 919 Dump or sanitary landfill 931 Open land or field	936 Vacant lot 938 Graded/care for plot of land 946 Lake, river, stream 951 Railroad right of way 960 Other street 961 Highway/divided highway 962 Residential street/driveway 981 Construction site 984 Industrial plant yard 986 Nonder a Property Use code only if you have NOT checked a Property Use box: Property Use 419 1 or 2 family dwelling NFIRS-1 Revision 03/11/99			

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B Property Details B1 0002 Not Residential Estimated Number of residential living units building of origin whether or not all units became involved	or Products Enter up to three codes. Check one or more boxes for each code entered.	omplete if there were any significant mounts of commercial, industrial, energy or gricultural products or materials on the roperty, whether or not they became involved 1
B2 001 Buildings not involve Number of buildings involved	On-site material (2)	1 Bulk storage or warehousing 2 Processing or manufacturing 3 Packaged goods for sale 4 Repair or service 1 Bulk storage or warehousing
Acres burned (outside fires) Less than one acre	On-site material (3)	2 Processing or manufacturing 3 Packaged goods for sale 4 Repair or service
D1 24	Factor Contributing To Ignition (1) Factor Contributing To Ignition (2) F2 Equipment Power C Fi Equipment Power Source T3 Equipment Portability 1 [X] Portable 2 Stationary Fire so	Check all applicable boxes 1
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None Not involved in ignition, but burned Mobil	e property type Property type Property make Year	Local Use Pre-Fire Plan Available Some of the information presented in this report may be based upon reports from other Agencies Arson report attached Police report attached Coroner report attached Other reports attached NFIRS-2 Revision 01/19/99

I1 Structure Type * If Fire was In enclosed building or a portable/mobile structure complete the rest of this form 1 [X] Enclosed Building	I ₂ Building 1 □ Under constr	ruction		ght OOF as part	I4 Main Floor Size* NFIRS-3 Structure Fire
2 Portable/mobile structure 3 Open structure 4 Air supported structure 5 Tent 6 Open platform (e.g. piers) 7 Underground structure (work areas) 8 Connective structure (e.g. fences) 0 Other type of structure	2 X Occupied & o 3 Idle, not ro 4 Under major 5 Vacant and s 6 Vacant and u 7 Being demoli O Other U Undetermined	outinely used renovation secured nsecured	at or abo	ober of stories Der of stories	Total square feet OR Lenght in feet Width in feet
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4 Confined to building of origin 5 Beyond building of origin	(75 to 100% f)				of flame spread contributing code is 00 or<70
L1 Presence of Detectors * (In area of the fire) N None Present Skip to section N 1 X Present U Undetermined L2 Detector Type 1 Smoke 2 Heat 3 Combination smoke - heat 4 Sprinkler, water flow detection 5 More than 1 type present	1 Battery 2 Hardwin 3 Plug in 4 Hardwin 5 Plug in 6 Mechani 7 Multple power a 0 Other U X Undeter	re only re with batt n with batte ical detectors supplies rmined tor Operat re too small activate	ery ry &	Required Required Power I Power I Power Life Det Required I Power Life Dete Required Life Dete Required Life Dete Life Dete Required Life Dete Required Life Dete Required Life Dete Required Life Dete	ed Occupants, occupants responded ants failed to respond were no occupants d to alert occupants ermined ector Failure Reason d if detector failed to operate failure, shutoff or disconnect oper installation or placement
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K1	Person/Enti	Try Involved [[651] - [403] - [0053] Business name (if applicable) Area Code Phone Number
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Saint Paul Fire Department FIRE INCIDENT DISPOSITION



INCIDENT NUMBER:	14-22898	DATE OF INCIDEN	VT: 07-28-2014
TIME OF INCIDENT:	2315 Hours POLICE CASE #: N/A		N/A
INVESTIGATOR(s):	Blank, J		
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	611 Snelling Avenue North	h, Upper, Saint	Paul, MN 55104
OCCUPANT NAME:	Mario DeJesus Matute PHONE:651-403-0053		
OWNER NAME:	Eric Newman PHONE: None Listed		
ADDRESS OF OWNER:	3109 West 50th Street, Ui		
PROPERTY DAMAGED:	Duplex	AREA OF ORIGIN: Upper Unit	
DAMAGE ESTIMATE:	Building \$194,000	Vehicle \$	Other (Describe) \$
VALUE:	Building \$387,000 Vehicle \$ Other (Describe) \$		Other (Describe) \$
Damage Estimate CONTENTS ONLY:	\$218,000		
INJURY/DEATH (if yes, explain)	No ☐ Yes		
SMOKE DETECTOR, SPRINKLER, and CARBON MONOXIDE INFORMATION:	Smoke Detector Present: Yes No Unknown Detector Functioning: Yes No Unknown Sprinkler System Present: Yes No Unknown Sprinkler Heads activated: Yes No Unknown C.O Detector Present: Yes No Unknown		
FIRE CAUSE CLASSIFICATION:	Accidental		
SYNOPSIS:	The Fire Department was called to a report of a dwelling fire. Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire in the rear of the upstairs unit of an up/down duplex. The occupants of the upstairs unit reported awakening to smoke detectors going off and they saw flames in the kitchen and in the rear porch area. The occupants deny any problems with their refrigerator. The ignition source was an electrical malfunction within the base of the refrigerator. The first fuel ignited was insulation around the electrical wiring at the base of the refrigerator. The action that brought these items together is an electrical short. The classification of fire cause is accidental.		
DISPOSITION:	E-mail only DO NOT DEMOLISH until Analysis of Evidence	approved 🔯 Sce	d Scene until approved ene Released oort to Follow

FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

INCIDENT NO: 14-22898

DATE: 07/28/2014

TIME: 2315 HOURS

ADDRESS: 609/611 SNELLING AVENUE

INSURANCE CO: UNKNOWN

DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$412,000

SYNOPSIS: On Monday, July 28, 2014, at approximately 2315 hours, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to a report of a dwelling fire. The location of the incident was 609/611 Snelling Avenue. Upon the fire department's arrival, fire suppression personnel stretched hose lines and extinguished the fire. Upon my arrival, fire extinguishment and search and rescue were underway. The origin of the fire appeared to be in the base of the refrigerator. The classification of fire cause is accidental.

PEOPLE: Property Owner, RENAE C REED, 8440 West Main Street, Winona, Minnesota, 55987, 507-689-2519.

Occupant, MARIO DEJESUS MATUTE LOPEX, 611 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55104, 651-403-0053, DOB 12/24/1970.

Occupant, MARIO PINEDA, 611 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55104, 651-403-0053, DOB 12/16/1981.

Occupant, MARIO (UNKNOWN LAST NAME), 611 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55104, 651-403-0053.

Occupant, RENEE REDD, 609 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55104, 507-689-2519.

BACKGROUND: I received notification of the fire via the Communications Center at approximately 2315 hours. I responded to the incident scene and arrived at approximately 2324 hours. Squad #2 was the first arriving fire department vehicle. At the time of my arrival, fire extinguishment and search and rescue were underway. At the time of the fire, the visibility was clear, the temperature was approximately 55 degrees Fahrenheit, and the winds were calm.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: The fire-damaged structure is a two story, up/down duplex. The foundation is a concrete slab. The exterior walls were covered with stucco. The structure has a pitched roof covered with asphalt shingles. The interior walls were covered in some places with plaster and lath and other areas in dry wall. The structure measures approximately 25 feet wide by 40 feet deep. The front of the structure faces east and the structure runs east to west.

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EXTERIOR EXAMINATION: Visual inspection of the east side of the structure revealed no smoke or fire damage. The 609 entrance which goes to the first floor, is located to the south of the 611 entrance, which goes to the second floor. The gas meter was located near the southeast corner and appeared in good condition with no smoke or fire damage found. The south and north sides of the structure suffered no smoke or fire damage.

Observations of the west side of the structure revealed smoke and fire damage to the wooden porch located on the second floor belonging to the 611 unit. The fire damage extended from the floor level of the west wall upwards into the soffit at the roofline. The damage to the soffit was most severe in the area located above the window that was located closest to the south wall of the structure. The railing that went around the porch for the second floor suffered the most damage along the south side where it connected to the structure.

Examination of the west wall showed a vector pattern that indicated the heaviest burning occurred along the west wall to the north of the window. There were numerous pots and pans located on the deck flooring. Examination of the second floor deck flooring from below did not show any signs of heavy charring or complete burn through. The electric meters, located on the northwest side of the building, appeared in good condition and showed no signs of smoke or fire damage. The electric weather head and drop down conduit appeared in good condition with no smoke or fire damage.

INTERIOR EXAMINATION: Visual inspection of the 609 first floor unit revealed light smoke damage throughout. Inspection of the kitchen stove and refrigerator showed no signs of smoke or fire damage coming from these appliances. Both the front and back doors had been forced open by firefighters.

Examination of the stairs that lead to the basement level showed light smoke damage and no fire damage. The basement suffered light smoke damage throughout. Inspection of the water heater and furnace did not show any signs of smoke or fire damage coming from these appliances. The two clothes washers and dryers showed no signs of smoke or fire damage coming from them.

Observations of the electric panels revealed that the panel to the left had all of the breakers turned off by firefighters. The electric panel to the right had all of the breakers turned off by firefighters. Neither electrical panel showed signs of smoke or fire damage.

The second floor hallway experienced heavy smoke damage from the ceiling level down to approximately the one foot level above the floor with moderate smoke damage continuing to the floor level.

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Inspection of the rear interior staircase going from the first floor to the second floor showed moderate smoke damage but no fire damage. Examination of the front staircase that went from the second floor and discharged to the north side of the exterior showed heavy smoke damage from the ceiling level down to approximately the two foot level with moderate smoke damage continuing to floor level.

The front living room, bathroom, and bedroom suffered heavy smoke damage from the ceiling down to approximately the three-foot level and lighter smoke damage down to the floor.

Inspection of the kitchen located on the west end of the second floor revealed fire and smoke damage. The south wall of the kitchen suffered fire damage that became more severe moving from the east toward the west wall. The vector pattern of fire damage along the south wall indicated the fire traveled from lower down along the west wall and upward and to the east along the south wall. The east wall of the kitchen suffered heavy smoke and heat damage from the ceiling level down to approximately the two-foot level above the floor level.

Examination of the stove located along the east wall showed that there was no smoke or fire damage coming from this appliance.

The refrigerator showed a vector pattern on the rear of the unit that matched a vector pattern that was located on the west wall of the kitchen. Below the refrigerator there were burn marks on the laminate flooring. This was the lowest level of burning in the kitchen. The interior of the refrigerator was examined and showed no evidence of smoke or fire damage. Vector burn patterns located on the exterior of the refrigerator showed that the fire may have traveled from the area of the window located to the south of the refrigerator towards the north. Inspection of the bottom of the refrigerator showed no smoke or fire damage.

To rule out the refrigerator as the point of origin for the fire, the rear metal panel that covers the compressor and electrical inlet to the refrigerator was partially removed. Inspection of the interior space located behind the cover plate revealed burning on the interior of the refrigerator and splattering of metal around where the electrical cord is attached to the unit. In addition, there was charring to the insulation of the electrical cord, to the interior insulation, and charring to the interior of the cover plate. The location of the refrigerator against the west wall of the kitchen matches up with the heaviest damage on the exterior of the west wall of the kitchen.

INTERVIEWS: Occupant, MARIO DEJESUS MATUTE LOPEX, stated in person on Monday, July 28, 2014:

- I rent the upstairs unit at 611 Snelling with my two friends.
- We were sleeping when we woke up to the smoke detector going off.

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- We saw fire out on the rear deck.
- We have a cigarette butt can outside on the rear deck.
- We haven't had any problems with our refrigerator.
- We haven't had any unusual electrical problems in the house.

Witness, Captain Engine #23, stated in person on Monday, July 28, 2014:

- When we came into the rear of the house, we saw fire coming from the back of the refrigerator.
- The colors of the flames were green and red.

PHOTOGRAPHS/SKETCH: Digital photographs were taken.

EVIDENCE: No evidence was collected.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>: After examination of the fire scene and fire patterns of both movement and intensity observed, my conclusion is this fire originated in the northwest corner of the kitchen in the base of the refrigerator. The ignition source was an electrical malfunction. The first fuel ignited was combustible materials around the electrical wiring. The action that brought these items together was probably an electrical short. The classification of fire cause is accidental. This concludes my report and investigation.

J. Bland, Fire Investigator, A Shift, 08/12/2014

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