# Saint Paul Fire Department FIRE INCIDENT DISPOSITION



INCIDENT NUMBER:	16-01103	DATE OF INCIDEN	VT: 01-10-2016
TIME OF INCIDENT:	1411 hours POLICE CASE #: N/A		
INVESTIGATOR (s):	J. Novak		
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	889 Desoto Street, 55130		
OCCUPANT NAME:	Ford Ross PHONE: Vacant		
OWNER NAME:	Foua Yang PHONE:		
ADDRESS OF OWNER:	2739 Chippewa Avenue, No.	rth Saint Paul,	MN 55109-1709
PROPERTY DAMAGED:	2001 Chevrolet Tahoe Duplex	AREA OF ORIGIN:	Underneath the vehicle
DAMAGE ESTIMATE:	Building \$161,900	Vehicle \$5,000	Other (Describe) \$
VALUE:	Building \$161,900	Vehicle \$5,000	Other (Describe) \$
Damage Estimate CONTENTS ONLY:	\$30,000		
INJURY/DEATH (if yes, explain)	⊠ No ☐ Yes	<u>.</u>	
SMOKE DETECTOR, SPRINKLER, and CARBON MONOXIDE INFORMATION:	Smoke Detector Present: Detector Functioning: Sprinkler System Present Sprinkler Heads activate C.O Detector Present:		☐ No ☑ Unknown ☐ No ☑ Unknown ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ No ☐ Unknown
FIRE CAUSE CLASSIFICATION:	Accidental  Incendiary  Child (under 10 years old)  Natural  Under Investigation		
SYNOPSIS:	Fire crews responded to a duplex fire with heavy fire showing from the rear. Upon closer examination crews found an SUV burning behind the house. The burning vehicle had caught the west side of the duplex on fire. The fire then extended into the attic and burned and collapsed the roof. The fire was caused by a friend of the vehicle owner who was working on the gas tank and had dropped the tank, causing gas to leak out. He then took a break to warm up and got in his own car and was smoking when the car he was working on started on fire. The first fuel ignited was gasoline vapors. The ignition source was a spark from a running motor or a flame or match from lighting a cigarette. The classification of cause is accidental. The house appeared to be vacant and possibly owned by the bank.		
DISPOSITION:	E-mail only  DO NOT DEMOLISH until approved  Analysis of Evidence Pending  Hold Scene until approved  Scene Released  Report to Follow		

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Phone: 651-224-7811 Fax:651-228-6255

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FIRE PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A DUPLEX FIRE. ENGINE #4'S CREW ARRIVED ON SCENE FIRST AND FOUND A CAR ON FIRE ON THE CHARLIE SIDE OF THE STRUCTURE WITH FIRE EXTENDING TO THE CHARLIE WALL, ENGINE #4'S CREW EXTINGUISHED THE CAR FIRE AND MADE ENTRY AND LATER (AFTER THE FIRE WENT TO DEFENSIVE MODE) USED A 1 3/4" LINE TO EXTINGUISH FLAMES FROM THE OUTSIDE.

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WHEN THE FIRE WENT TO DEFENSIVE MODE LADDER #8'S CREW USED THEIR MASTER STREAM AND A 2 1/2" LINE ON THE BRAVO SIDE TO EXTINGUISH THE INTERIOR FIRE FROM A DEFENSIVE POSITION. SQUAD #3'S CREW WAS RIT TEAM AND PLACED LADDERS TO THE 2ND FLOOR AND WHEN THE EVENT WENT DEFENSIVE MODE USED A 1 3/4" LINE FROM THE OUTSIDE TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE ON THE INTERIOR ALPHA SIDE,

ENGINE #7'S CREW GOT A WATER SUPPLY AND SUPPLIED ENGINE #4'S CREW AND FOLLOWED UP ENGINE #17'S CREW AS A THIRD LINE,

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LADDER #7'S CREW USED A 2 1/2" LINE ON THE CHARLIE SIDE TO EXTINGUISH INTERIOR FIRE FROM A DEFENSIVE POSITION, ENGINE #5'S CREW ASSISTED WITH EXTERIOR OPERATIONS, ENGINE #15'S CREW HELPED TO RELAY A WATER SUPPLY TO THE SCENE AND ASSISTED WITH DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS AS NEEDED. ENGINE #8'S CREW ASSISTED WITH WATER SUPPLY.

FIRE INVESTIGATOR NOVAK ON SCENE FOR FULL INVESTIGATION.

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#### FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

INCIDENT NO: 16-01103

DATE: 01/10/2016

TIME: 1411 HOURS

ADDRESS: 889 DESOTO STREET

INSURANCE CO: LIABILITY-GEICO (vehicle)

UNKNOWN (house)

DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$5,000 (vehicle)

\$191,900 (building)

**SYNOPSIS:** On Saturday January 10, 2016, at 1411 hours, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to a report of a building fire. The location of the incident was 889 Desoto Street. Upon the fire department's arrival, they found a fire burning behind the residence and discovered a vehicle on fire, extending to the structure. The fire spread to the attic area of the structure and fire personnel went to a defensive mode of fire extinguishment. Investigation revealed the fire originated underneath the vehicle in the backyard. The exact ignition source is unknown but it is believed to be either static electricity or a match from the occupant smoking. The classification of fire cause is accidental.

**PEOPLE:** Property Owner, FOUA YANG, 2739 Chippewa Avenue, North Saint Paul, MN 55109.

Vehicle Owner, MYRION TINNEL PERDUE, 618 Minnehaha Avenue East, Apartment #2, 55130, 612-236-7487, DOB 07/31/1975.

Witness, FORD LUNICE ROSS, no permanent address, 612-998-2948, DOB 03/27/1958.

**BACKGROUND:** I received notification of the fire via the Communications Center. I responded to the incident scene and arrived at approximately 1424 hours. At the time of my arrival, fire personnel were extinguishing the fire and beginning a defensive mode of fire attack. At the time of the fire, skies were clear; the temperature was approximately -1 degree Fahrenheit, with the winds out of the west/northwest at approximately 5 mph.

<u>VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:</u> The fire damaged vehicle is a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe with an approximate 170,000 miles on it. The vehicle was parked behind the house facing north, right up against the west wall of the house.

**EXPOSURE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** The fire damaged structure is a two story, wood framed, duplex. The exterior contained vinyl siding. The building ran east to west in length and the front of the structure faced east.

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**VEHICLE EXAMINATION:** Visual inspection of the vehicle found the most extensive damage was underneath the vehicle as well as around the rear end. The vehicle was on jacks at the time of the fire incident. Tools were observed underneath the vehicle and a tire was situated underneath the gas tank of the vehicle.

**EXPOSURE PROPERTY EXAMINTION:** Visual inspection of the building exterior found that on the east side, on the third floor, at the attic dormer there were flames emitting out the front. On the north side, the only damage was found on the third floor at the attic dormer were flames were coming out from the peak. The roof of the structure had collapsed. On the west side, the main fire damage extended downwards to the ground there the vehicle was located. Inspection of the south side I observed low fire damage towards the southwest corner.

## **INTERVIEWS:** Witness, FORD LUNICE ROSS, stated on scene:

- He was working on the vehicle in the driveway behind the house for a friend,
- He was attempting to drop the gas tank in order to replace the fuel pump.
- He took a break and went and sat in his vehicle (not the one that was on fire) to warm up, listen to the Viking's game, and to have a cigarette.
- A short time later he realized the vehicle that he had been working on was on fire,
- He drove his vehicle away from the burning vehicle.
- He is unsure how the fire started.

I observed there was burning to the side of Mr. ROSS's vehicle engine hood. His hat and jacket were also melted.

#### Vehicle Owner, MYRION TINNEL PERDUE, stated:

- The vehicle had stopped running and the fuel pump is bad.
- He had the vehicle towed to the cities and is having his friend, FORD, work on the vehicle.
- The house on the property where FORD was working on the vehicle is vacant.
- He and FORD used to know the owners who lived at the property, but he believes the property went back to the bank.

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PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital photographs were taken.

**EVIDENCE:** No evidence was collected.

CONCLUSION: After examination of the fire scene and the interviews conducted, it is my opinion based on my education, background, and experience as well as fire patterns of both movement and intensity that the fire originated underneath the vehicle. The first material ignited appeared to be gasoline fumes. The ignition source was either a match from MR. FORD smoking or an electrical spark while working on the vehicle or static electricity. The action that brought these items together was either smoking or maintenance work being done on the vehicle. The classification of fire cause is accidental. This concludes my investigation and report.

J. Novak, Fire Investigator, B Shift, 01/10/2016

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