

St. Paul Regional Water Services Vehicle Accident Summary

3rd Quarter 2018

Accidents by Month:

July – 3

August – 0

September - 1

SPRWSVA 2018-11 - Distribution Division 07/18/2018: Distribution Hydrant Flushing vehicle #563 was WB on I-94 in the right lane with his right turn signal on to merge right into the I-35E NB entrance lane when Vehicle #2 (Black Minivan) merged into the same lane as #563 and rear-ended #563, damaging the hydrant diffuser mounted on the rear of #563 as well as the front bumper of the minivan.

After the accident there was some confusion as to where to pull over and #2 continued West on I-94 and later called SPRWS Dispatch stating #563 caused the accident and that he wanted to file a claim and did not stop because he thought the SPRWS driver was giving him “the bird” instead of hand signaling for him to pull over.

SPRWS vehicle #563 was in the right lane merging and had been there for quite some time (20-30) seconds waiting his turn to merge. The driver of #2 stated he did not see the hydrant diffuser and likely drove too close to #563 to make some sort of point and inadvertently stuck the diffuser while doing so.

The Driver of #2’s claim stated that the SPRWS vehicle pulled in front of his van, causing the van to rear-end #563. The accident was reviewed and #2’s claim was denied.

SPRWSVA 2018-12 - Production Division 07/30/2018: Production Division Painter was outside his parked vehicle painting hydrants at the intersection of Albemarle and Nebraska when vehicle # 2, a large rental moving van attempted to make a U-turn in the intersection and as the driver swung wide right – sideswiped the SPRWS Van, damaging the left front door and fender. Police attended the accident scene and #2 admitted fault.

SPRWSVA 2018-13 - Distribution Division 07/31/2018: Distribution temporary laborer was driving truck #606 SB on White Bear Avenue passing Arlington in the left lane when vehicle #2 (gray 4x4 truck) driving NB on white Bear Avenue in the left lane - struck and broke the driver’s side mirror of #606. Driver #2 continued driving NB without stopping in hit and run fashion. The SPRWS driver had minor cuts on his left arm from the flying glass. The SPRWS Garage replaced the broken mirror.

SPRWSVA 2018-14 Distribution Division 3:00 PM 09/07/2018: Distribution Division Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) was driving backhoe #T-97 NB on Johnson Parkway and was slowing down to pass under a low railroad bridge and was rear-ended by vehicle #2 (Toyota car.) St. Paul Police attended the accident scene. There was no damage to Backhoe T-97 and minor front-end damage to #2 as well as a broken windshield.