

## **St. Paul Regional Water Services Vehicle Accident Summary**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**

**January 2021: No vehicle accidents reported.**

**February 2021: No vehicle accidents reported.**

**March 2021: No vehicle accidents reported & one equipment damage report.**

**SPRWS Equipment Damage 2021-01 Vadnais 03/12/2021:** Vadnais WUWI/Laborer was driving pickup truck #527 (Ford crew cab) with woodchipper trailer in tow. After swiping his badge to open/raise the candy-cane gate the employee thought he was late going through the gate and stopped under the candy-cane and backed up due to thinking the gate might close onto his vehicle (this is not possible because an electric eye knows if an obstacle is in the way). Thus, while backing, the chipper trailer jackknifed and struck the right side of the truck's lift tailgate and dented/punctured the outer layer of the lift tailgate with the chippers tongue jack/handle arm and cracked the taillight lens.

30 minutes later the employee was at a new location at the Low Service Reservoir dump area (off Roselawn) and while backing, jackknifed the trailer a second time and damaged #527's left rear box/lift gate and the chipper jack/handle arm. The SPRWS Garage replaced the lift gate platform and a taillight lens and cost \$1000.00 in parts and \$500.00 in labor.