



Faribault Fire Department

Hot Spots

Welcome to Hot Spots, the Faribault Fire Department newsletter. Hot Spots features information about the Fire Department's operations, training, response, safety tips, emergency management, and other points of interest.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

You are never too busy to do things *safely*. Slow down and think things through. Have a *plan* and include others in it.

Please remember to use *common sense*, which is not *always* that common.

FLEET FACTS — 2115

Meet our newest engine apparatus. 2115 is used to respond to all types of fires, fire alarms, and some hazmat situations. Built in 2008 by Rosenbauer in Wyoming, MN, it consists of a Spartan "Big Easy" chassis and stainless steel box.

2115 features the following:

- 350 HP CAT Engine
- Waterous 1500 GPM Water Pump
- 20 Gallon On-Board Foam Injection System
- 1000 Gallon On-Board Water Tank
- Honda 5K On-Board Generator
- 2 - 200ft Water Pre-Connects

2115 is our first truck out for all fire related calls because of the pump size, water capacity, and amount of discharge hose on-board. It also carries ladders, fans, a thermal imager, K12 saw, chainsaw, laptop for pre-plans, and a variety of tools.

2115 is a true "fire truck" in that it was designed and built specifically for fighting fires.

Would you like to take a closer look at 2115? Stop by the fire station and we'd be glad to show you!



INCIDENT INSIGHT



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On February 28, 2015 at 2:02 p.m., the Fire Department was dispatched to a **mobile home fire** at 1407 Hulett Avenue, #133. Captain Joel Hansen requested an All-Call Page asking all members of the Department to respond to the fire. **On scene**, light smoke was showing from the front door and beneath the home. Police on scene had expended a fire extinguisher into the hot water heater compartment through an exterior entry. No interior or exterior flames were visible. Gas and electric service were shut off and some skirting was removed from the home. Tenants were trying to thaw pipes under the home with an LP heater, causing the insulation blanket beneath the home to ignite. The fire spread to an area approximately 20' x 20'. Firefighters worked to remove the insulation blanket and the fire under the home was extinguished. Firefighters checked the interior for fire extension. A positive pressure vent was used to clear the home of smoke. Firefighters extinguished a fire behind the furnace. No additional fires were found. A thermal imager was used to check for hot spots and none were found. Foam was used to wet down all areas. The Fire Department completed a walk-through with the home owner and cleared the scene. Fourteen firefighters spent two hours on scene.

STOVE FIRES

The Fire Department has responded to several stove fires recently. Two fires were contained to the kitchen and were extinguished in the early stages of the fire. The other fires involved burnt food on the stove.

Although no injuries were reported it is important to remember...

NEVER leave a stove unattended while cooking. This is the number one cause of kitchen fires.

ALWAYS keep children clear of stoves and ovens while cooking.

Keep flammable materials clear of the stove at all times. (food packaging, oven mitts, utensils, towels)

NEVER try to extinguish a grease fire with water! Cover the fire with a lid and turn the stove off.

If something on the stove starts on fire, call 911! Then exit the house and close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

If a fire is noticed in the oven, **NEVER** open the door! Call 911!

FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Kidde have issued a recall on Kidde Brand plastic valve disposable fire extinguishers. A faulty valve component can cause the extinguishers not to fully discharge when the lever is repeatedly pressed and released during a fire emergency, posing a risk of injury. Consumers should contact Kidde for a replacement. About 4.6 million units were sold in the U.S involving 31 models. Only certain models are affected.



Click the link for full details and to see if your fire extinguisher is included in the recall. <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Kidde-Recalls-Disposable-Plastic-Fire-Extinguishers/>

Contact: Kidde toll-free at (855) 283-7991 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on Safety Notice for more information.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Fire Chief Dustin Dienst was one of 39 individuals who received their emergency management certificates at the 50th annual Governor's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Conference.

DPS Commissioner Mona Dohman and HSEM Director Joe Kelly presented the certificates. Certificates were awarded to those who completed a curriculum that includes classroom, workshop and online courses and is designed for those who play a direct role in Minnesota's readiness.



HSEM Director Joe Kelly (left) presents Chief Dienst (right) with his certificate.

MONTHLY FIRE SAFETY TIP

- Winter is not over quite yet! Remember that it is still cold out there - maybe not the coldest - but still cold.
- Your furnace has been working hard all winter, don't neglect it. Change the filter if you haven't lately and make sure it is clean, inside and out.