



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

Can you believe it's the Holiday Season already? This time of the year gets very hectic with holiday gatherings, shopping, and other end-of-the-year events. Please slow down and enjoy the time spent with family and friends. Try not to let the hustle and bustle create undue stress in your life and as always, stay safe.

FLEET FACTS — 2110

Have you ever seen one of the Faribault Fire Trucks and wanted to know more about it or take a closer look at one of the trucks?

Let us introduce you to 2110. It is our heavy rescue apparatus and is designed to be our "jack of all trades" truck. It was built in 2011 by Rosenbauer in Wyoming, MN and consists of a Spartan Furion chassis and stainless steel box.

2110 features the following:

- 360 HP Cummins Engine
- Waterous 500 GPM PTO Driven Water Pump

- 500 gallon on-board water tank
- Hydraulic generator
- 4,500 watt articulating light tower
- 2 - 100' hydraulic extrication lines
- 200' water pre-connect

2110 is the first truck out for all rescue related calls because of the variety of tools it carries.

From simple hand tools to pneumatic air bags, ladders, water rescue equipment, and rope rescue equipment, it is counted on for responding to a variety of incidents.

2110 is our newest and most diverse apparatus.

Let us know if you would like to take a closer look at 2110 and we'd be glad to show you!



INCIDENT INSIGHT

Around 2 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, the Faribault Fire Department was dispatched to the 400 block of Central Avenue with reports of heavy smoke in the area. Faribault Police Officer Adam Marvin noticed smoke in the area while doing business checks. The Fire Department responded in 2115 with Captain Jon Bolster requesting an All-Call Page while en route. An All-Call Page notifies all members of the Fire Department that they are needed to respond

to the fire. Upon arrival, heavy smoke was seen coming out of a roof dormer at 409 Central Avenue. 2115 was staged on the east side of the building and the initial attack was through the alley side door. Captain Bolster called for mutual aid from Owatonna, Northfield, and Morristown Fire Departments. Owatonna responded with their aerial truck and Morristown and Northfield provided extra manpower. Thirty-five firefighters spent seven hours on scene. In addition to the fire damage to 409 and 411 Central Avenue, there was smoke damage to 405 and 413 Central. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

to keep you, your family, and guests safe this holiday season!

DID YOU KNOW?

2 out of 5 home decoration fires are started by candles.

The 3 leading causes of Minnesota fires are cooking, heating, and open flames.

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

Decorating Safety Tips:

- Use flameless candles if possible; blow out lit candles when leaving a room.
- Keep all exits clear of decorations and clutter.

- Turn off decorative lights when you leave home or go to sleep.
- Check the water level of fresh-cut trees daily so they won't dry out.
- Don't overload outlets or power strips.
- Make sure all extension cords are rated for the location being used in - interior or exterior.
- Never place cords under carpets/rugs. Foot traffic may break down cord insulation, starting a fire.

- Use a tree stand that will securely hold your tree.
- Place your tree in a safe location where children or pets won't tip it over.
- Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended and check items in the oven frequently.
- Smother grease fires with a pan lid and turn off the burner.

Cooking Safety Tips:

- Heating Safety Tips:
- Keep all space heaters 3' from combustibles.

- Don't leave a space heater unattended or turned on while asleep.
- Inspect heaters before use. Ensure safety shields and electrical components are intact.
- NEVER burn your gift wrap in the fireplace! It burns too hot and too fast to be controlled.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Winter has arrived early AGAIN. With it come some hazards that most Minnesotan's are used to but seem to have issues with each and every winter.

Winter driving is one issue that we all deal with whether we drive or just ride in a vehicle.

At times, winter driving can result in a winter

driving emergency, include getting into an accident, getting stuck, or having mechanical troubles and getting stranded. **Are you prepared for a winter driving emergency?** A cell phone is a great tool for notifying officials in case of an emergency. Make sure your phone is charged and keep it in a warm spot

to keep the battery in good shape. **Keep a winter survival driving kit in your vehicle.** Some items to put in a winter survival kit are blankets, candy bars, flashlights, a shovel, jumper cables, some hand warmers, and a first aid kit. Keep these items and maybe even some other items all in one bag or container.

MONTHLY FIRE SAFETY TIP

Cold weather coupled with the holiday season can create some hazards, like electrical overloading.

Always use caution when plugging multiple cords for lights or heaters into surge protectors or "cheaters" - they can be overloaded, too.



If it looks like a fire hazard, it probably is!