



# 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.

### Administration

Dustin Dienst, Chief  
Gina Carlson, Secretary

### Suppression

Jon Bolster, Captain  
Joel Hansen, Captain  
Ed Hoisington, Captain  
Josh Bauer  
Matt DeGroot  
Alex Hanson  
Ryan Maas  
Rick Martinez  
John Milewski

Christopher Bauer  
Jason Bauer  
Jonah Bauer  
Preston Bauer  
Ryan Bauer  
Andy Boevers  
Alex Bolster  
Patrick DeGroot  
Erik Ellingson  
Chad Kreager  
Jeffrey LaCanne  
Charles Meyer  
Richard Momberg  
Cody Paschke  
Richard Rein  
Cody Roushar  
Jonathon Sheridan  
Matthew Shuda  
Mitchell Wolff

Faribault Fire Department  
122 2nd Street NW  
Faribault MN 55021  
507-334-8773  
www.faribault.org

## A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

Change is good. Winter has been delayed (so far) this year but it will be here soon. With the changing season comes the need to change our behaviors. We have to slow down while driving, walking, etc. We need to be careful with heating appliances and candles. We need to be prepared for the changes in weather, too. Enjoy the changing seasons and each others company.

## FLEET FACTS — 2130

Have you ever seen a Faribault Fire Truck and wanted to know more about it or take a closer look? Let us introduce you to 2130.



At first glance, 2130 looks like a regular pickup with some stuff in the box, and essentially it is, but all that stuff serves an important purpose. 2130 is used for wild land fires, hauling equipment, towing trailers, and shuttling personnel. It is a 1997 Ford F-350 4x4 crew cab that was modified to include the following:

- 460 Cubic Inch Gas Engine
- 225 Gallon On-Board Water Tank
- 6½ Horsepower Briggs & Stratton

- Water Pump Engine
- Pacer Water Pump
- Weatherguard Toolboxes
- 9,000# Warn Winch

2130 is lighter and narrower than our other apparatus and can go off-road and on trails. This comes in handy for extinguishment, moving personnel, and during a search for a missing person in rough terrain.

The water pump can be removed and the rear part of the truck bed can be used for hauling. The toolboxes mounted on top of the sides of the box are filled with various tools for fighting wild land fires.

2130 doesn't see the run volume that some of our other apparatus does, but when it is called upon, it usually is the only apparatus capable of handling the task at hand.

# INCIDENT INSIGHT

The Faribault Fire Department responded to a house fire shortly after midnight on November 14, 2015. An "All Call" page was issued, paging in all off-duty full-time and all part-time firefighters. Upon our arrival, light white smoke was coming from the eaves of the home. No smoke detectors were sounding when we arrived on scene. Fire personnel made entry into the home and found the main floor was clear of smoke but smoke was starting to show from the stairway leading to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The fire was extinguished with a minimal amount of water, contained to the room of origin, and was overhauled and investigated.

Fire personnel found the remnants of a space heater at the seat of the fire. The occupants stated they had a space heater running in the room where the fire started. While investigating the cause of the fire, fire personnel found one melted smoke detector on the second floor. All occupants in the home were made aware of the fire by a child who smelled smoke and then told everyone to get out. Thankfully, no one was injured during this fire, but it could have had a very different outcome. **Be sure to check out the Holiday Safety Tips below for some important tips that will help you and your family stay safe this holiday and all year round.**

## 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.

### Cooking Safety Tips:

- 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.

### 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 is coming - you can feel it in the air. And with it comes hazards that most Minnesotans are familiar with but seem to struggle with every year.

Winter driving is something we all deal with, whether driving or just riding along. Getting into an accident, getting stuck, or having



mechanical issues are some common driving occurrences. But in winter, they can quickly become emergencies.

### Are you prepared for a possible winter driving emergency?

A cell phone is a great tool (if the battery is charged) to contact someone if you do have an issue.

### Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle.

Items in a kit include blankets, candy bars, a flashlight, jumper cables, a shovel, some hand warmers and a first aid kit. Keep these things all together in one container in your vehicle.

Be careful, be prepared, and be safe!

## MONTHLY FIRE SAFETY TIP

Cold weather coupled with the holiday season can create 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! Think safety first!!!

