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DATE: 06/16/2015
NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire
CASE NO.: 15005549
INCIDENT DATE :06/15/2015
INCIDENT TIME: 11:00 PM
INCIDENT LOCATION: 1113 E4th St Duluth Mn 55812
SUBJECT: Garage Fires
BY: Acting A/C Jeff Runquist

ON MONDAY JUNE 15TH AT 11:00 PM THE DULUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS DISPATCHED TO A REPORT OF TWO GARAGES ON FIRE NEAR THE INTRSECTION OF 11TH AVE E AND 4TH ST. ON ARRIVAL FIREFIGHTERS FOUND TWO GARAGES THAT WERE FULLY INVOLVED WITH FIRE.

FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS WERE HAMPRERED ENITIALY BY THE FIRST FIRE HYDRANT BEING INOPERABLE AND WERE MET WITH MULTIPLE ENERGIZED OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL WIRES THAT HAD BURNED LOOSE AND FELL TO THE GROUND IN THE ALLEY. FIREFIGHTERS WERE ABLE TO USE ANOTHER HYDRANT IN THE AREA FOR WATER SUPPLY.

THE SCENE WAS LESS THAN FAVORABLE AS FAR AS SAFETY BUT FIREFIGHTERS USED THEIR TRAINING, AWAIRNESS AND EFFORTS TO BRING THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES.

THERE WERE NO CONTENTS IN THE GARAGES AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO FIRE PERSONEL OR BYSTANDERS.

THERE WAS HOWEVER DAMAGE TO ADJACENT BUILDINGS NEAR THE GARAGES. AT ONE TIME ONE APARTMENT BUILDING AT 1113 E 4TH ST DID IGNITE FROM RADIANT HEAT BUT WAS EXINGUISHED BEFORE IT ENTERED THE STRUCTURE. THERE WAS ANOTHER STRUCTURE THAT HAD MODERATE DAMAGE TO THE SIDING BUT DID NOT BURN.

22 FIRFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO THE FIRE FROM HEADQUARTERS, UMD AREA, LAKESIDE, AND WOODLAND STATIONS.

AT THIS TIME THE FIRE IS SUSPICIOUS IN NATURE BUT STILL BEING INVESTIGATED. IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD ASSIST IN THE IVESTIGATION TO PLEASE CALL THE DULUTH FIRE DEPARTMENTS FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

THE TWO GARAGES WERE A TOTAL LOSS AND THE POWER WAS INTRUPTED TO

THE AREA FOR MOST OF THE NIGHT BUT WAS RESTORED BY MINNESOTA POWER.