



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: April 11, 2015 INCIDENT TIME: 1346 hours
INCIDENT LOCATION: 5893 Howard Gnesen Road, Duluth MN 55803

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A. 1 Thru 4; Procedures B. 1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b, g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: Marylou Marie Solem	Age: 77	Address: 5893 Howard Gnesen Road, Duluth MN 55803
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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

At 1346 hours the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a grass fire near the intersection of Howard Gnesen Road and Lismore Road in Rice Lake Township. Preliminary investigation determined the fire started behind 5881 Howard Gnesen Road where the homeowner was burning cardboard in a burn barrel. The fire spread to the North along the West side of Howard Gnesen Road destroying two out buildings and an RV camper at 5893 Howard Gnesen Road. No one was injured as a result of the fire. Residents of the surrounding homes were evacuated as a precaution. An early estimate provided by the MN DNR Forestry is approximately five acres have burned at the time of this report. The fire is currently contained but fire crews remain on scene. The fire is under investigation by the St. Louis County Sheriff Office, MN DNR Forestry and the MN State Fire Marshall's Office.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Rice Lake FD, Canosia FD, Fredenberg FD, Lakewood FD, Solway FD, Gnesen FD, Hermantown FD, Air National Guard FD, Clifton FD, Grand Lake FD, Normanna FD, MN Forestry, State Fire Marshall, St. Louis County Rescue Squad, Gold Cross Ambulance and the MN DNR Conservation Officers.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Todd Abernethy DATE : 04-11-2015 TIME: 1700 hours

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: _____ DATE : _____ TIME: _____