



# ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: February 3, 2013 INCIDENT TIME: 8:25 PM

INCIDENT LOCATION: 6855 1st Street North, McKinley, MN

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

Name: Michael Purkat (Homeowner) Age: Address: McKinley, MN

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## INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Virginia received a report of a house fire Sunday evening in the City of McKinley, a small community several miles east of the City of Gilbert. The homeowner was not at home at the time of the fire. A number of local fire departments were called in to provide water tankers because of a lack of city water pressure. Sub-zero temperatures also hampered fire-fighting efforts. The home and a detached garage were destroyed.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but it is believed to be accidental. There were no injuries reported.

## ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Gilbert Police Department, Gilbert Fire Department, Biwabik Fire Department, Lakeland Fire Department, Palo Fire Department, Fayal Township Fire Department, Makinen Fire Department and the Biwabik Ambulance Service.

AUTHORITY: Deputy Sean Harris DATE: February 3, 2013 TIME: 11:06 PM

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_