



# ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 09-01-13 INCIDENT TIME: 03:09 A.M.  
INCIDENT LOCATION: Vermilion Motel 320 Hwy 53 Cook, MN

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)

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## INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The Vermilion Motel in Cook suffered major damages from an early morning fire. Occupants of the motel were all alerted to the blaze by a tenant who had been awakened by the smell of smoke in her room. All occupants of the 17 room motel were able to safely escape without injury. It is estimated that damages to the motel will exceed \$500,000 for repairs. The Minnesota State Fire Marshall is working in conjunction with the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department to determine a cause of the fire. The American Red Cross is providing assistance to the displaced occupants, who were all from out of the area/state.

## ASSISTING AGENCIES:

MN State Fire Marshall, American Red Cross, Cook Fire Dept., Cook Ambulance, Orr Fire Dept. Tower Fire Dept., Evergreen Fire Dept., Greenwood Fire Dept. Pike Sandy Fire Dept.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Wayne Toewe DATE: 09-01-13 TIME: 09:15 A.M.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

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