



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: March 14, 2015 INCIDENT TIME: 7:39 PM
INCIDENT LOCATION: 5717 Mountain Ave., Mountain Iron, MN

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

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Nearly a dozen local fire departments fought a house fire on Saturday evening near downtown Mountain Iron. The fire was reported at 7:39 PM by a neighbor and when the first Mountain Iron Fire Department units arrived there were flames shooting from the windows of the home. The residents, Lee and Brenda Gams and their two children, were not home at the time. Their two dogs perished in the fire. Firefighters were unable to enter the home to save the pets.

Firefighting efforts were hampered by low water pressure which necessitated calling local departments to furnish water tankers. Firefighters eventually brought in an excavator and demolished the structure. The State Fire Marshal was called to the scene. Fire units and personnel cleared the scene shortly after midnight.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Virginia Fire Department, Fayal Fire Department, Kinney-Great Scott Fire Department, Cherry Fire Department, Biwabik Fire Department, Eveleth Fire Department, Clinton Fire Department, Gilbert Fire Department, Pike-Sandy-Britt Fire Department and the Biwabik Township Fire Department.

AUTHORITY: Sergeant James P. McKenzie DATE: March 15, 2015 TIME: 4:30 AM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____