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**FIRE SPRINKLERS SAVE TWO DIFFERENT BURNSVILLE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES
WITHIN FIVE HOURS**

First Sprinkler Save

On Friday, July 1st at 8:41 p.m. the Burnsville Fire Department responded to a reported commercial water-flow alarm at a manufacturing business located on the 11500 block of 12th Avenue South.

Upon arrival fire crews made entry into the building and found the manufacturing area full of smoke and could hear water flowing from the building's fire sprinkler system. The crews quickly determined that the fire was out, shut down the sprinkler system and began ventilating smoke from the building.

The cause of this fire was determined to be a malfunctioning mist collector which had caught fire. The fire was extinguished by a single sprinkler head. The fire damage was contained to the malfunctioning mist collector. An adjacent office did sustain some minor water damage from the sprinkler system activation.

Second Sprinkler Save

On Saturday, July 2nd at 01:31 a.m. less than two and a half hours after clearing the earlier commercial fire / sprinkler save on 12th Avenue South, Burnsville Fire crews responded to a second commercial water-flow alarm. The second water-flow alarm was located at 3201 County Road 42 West. Burnsville Fire crews found water coming from a shipping dock door located on the rear of the building. Fire crews forced entry into the tenant space and found the interior of the space filled with smoke. Fire crews quickly determined that the buildings fire sprinkler system had extinguished the fire and then shut down the sprinkler system. The fire damage was contained to a small area of the warehouse.

The cause of this fire was determined to be a ceiling-mounted, malfunctioning mercury lightbulb which exploded and ignited storage items located below the light. Two sprinkler heads activated and extinguished this fire prior to Burnsville Fire crews arriving on scene.

In both cases the properly functioning sprinkler systems located inside these two commercial buildings quickly extinguished the fires and prevented millions of dollars in property damages to both the structures and contents.

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