

# Twin Cities Almanac

## Minneapolis Fires

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Property Name	Address	Incident Date	Fatalities	Cause
Commercial Bldg (with apts)	3700 bl Bloomington Ave S	Feb 11, 2022	(0)	
St Stephen's House of Charity	714 Park Ave S	Jan 26, 2022	(0)	
Bethesda Baptist Church	1100 bl 8 <sup>th</sup> St S	Aug 2, 2021	(0)	
Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish Church	420 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave NE	Apr 19, 2021	(0)	arson
Apartment Building	700 bl Olson Memorial Hwy	Mar 7, 2021	(0)	
Chauvin Lake Street Riots	hundreds of buildings	May 2020	(1)	arson
El Taco Riendo (multiple bldgs)	2412 Central Ave NE	Mar 22, 2020	(0)	
Commercial building	3700 bl Washington Ave N	Feb 21, 2020	(0)	
Drake Hotel	416 S 10th St	Dec 25, 2019	(0)	
Cedar High Apartments	630 S Cedar Ave	Nov 27, 2019	(5 dead)	undetermined
Bde Maka Ska Pavillion	3000 Lake St E	May 16, 2019	(0)	lightning
Hiawatha Homeless Encampment	26 <sup>th</sup> & Hiawatha Ave	Nov 30, 2018	(0)	undetermined
Loring Station Post Office	18 12 <sup>th</sup> St N	Apr 21, 2018	(0)	accidental
Hiawatha Homeless Encampment	26 <sup>th</sup> & Hiawatha Ave	Nov 19, 2018	(0)	accidental
Sunny's Market & Deli/B&G Liquors	2200 bl University Ave NE	Oct 20, 2018	(0)	
Metal-Matic	629 2 <sup>nd</sup> St SE	Sep 19, 2018	(0)	accidental
Bunge Grain Elevator (abandoned)	1200 bl Boor Ave SE	Jun 1, 2018	(0)	accidental
Former Robert's Shoes	740 Lake St E	May 27, 2018	(0)	
Apartment Building	1500 Park Ave S	Oct 6, 2017	(2 dead)	arson
Minnehaha Academy Explosion	3100 W River Pkwy	Aug 2, 2017	(2 dead)	natural gas
Apartment Building	215 Ninth Street S	Oct 9, 2016	(0)	accidental
Commercial/retail	516 Cedar Ave	Jan 1, 2014	(2)	
Residential duplex	2800 bl Colfax Ave N	Feb 14, 2014	(5 dead)	heater unit
Deli	2500 bl Chicago Ave S	Apr 25, 2013	(0)	
Walker United Methodist Church	3104 16th Ave S,	May 27, 2012	(0)	lightning
Apartment Building	1500 bl Lake St W	Dec 28, 2012	(0)	Accidental
Residential duplex	Uptown area	Sep 14, 2011	(1 dead)	

Gas Line Explosion	62 <sup>nd</sup> & Nicollet	Mar 17, 2011	(0)	natural gas
Bloomington Lake Clinic	3017 Bloomington Ave S	Mar 9, 2011	(0)	accidental
Cedar Food and Grill	2600 Cedar Ave S	Feb 22, 2011	(0)	
McMahon's Pub	3001 E Lake St	Apr 1, 2010	(6 dead)	accidental
Maxwells Café	1201 Washington Ave S	Feb 20, 2008	(0)	
Siwek Lumber & Millwork	2536 Marshall Street NE	Aug 30, 1993	(0)	
Fashion Corner	Hennepin & Lake St W	Mar 13, 1991	(0)	accidental
Siwek Lumber & Millwork	1827 Grand Street NE	May 2, 1989	(0)	juv. arson
Alternative Homes Boardinghouse III	1509 Chicago Ave.	Nov 27, 1988	(2 dead)	suspicious
Residential duplex	159 15th Av. NE.	Nov 26, 1988	(4 dead)	suspicious
Siwek Lumber & Millwork	2536 Marshall Street NE	Aug 20, 1984	(0)	
Donaldson's/Northwestern Nat Bank	6th Street & Nicollet Ave	Nov 25, 1982	(0)	juv. arson
Vic's Auto Body	2212 Hennepin Ave S	Mar 15, 1977	(2 dead)	arson
Plymouth Ave (riots)	(18 buildings burned)	July 20-21, 1967	(0)	arson
Kenesaw Hotel	10 W 14 <sup>th</sup> St	Mar 1, 1967	(4 dead)	arson
St. Olaf's Catholic Church	8th St and 2nd Ave S	Feb 18, 1953	(0)	accidental
Oddfellows building	27 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & Lake St E	1948	(0)	
Marlborough Hotel	3rd Ave S & 15th St	Jan 3, 1940	(19 dead)	
Bethany Lutheran Church	25 <sup>th</sup> & Franklin Ave E	1917	(0)	
Central Warehouse	1 <sup>st</sup> St. N.	May 15, 1908	(-)	
Hartman Furniture Company	18-20 Hennepin Ave	Jan 9, 1908	(0)	
Boom-Nicollet Island Conflagration	Northeast Mpls	Aug 13, 1893	(2)	smoking
Bethlehem Baptist Church	6th St and 12th Ave	Mar 16, 1885	(0)	
Pillsbury "B" Mill Fire		Dec 1881	(4 dead)	oil
Washburn "A" Mill Explosion		May 2, 1878	(18 dead)	dust

See: Historic Fires of 1893 Mpls - <http://www.extraalarm.org/conf1893.htm>

## St. Paul Fires

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Property Name	Address	Incident Date	Fatalities	Cause
AMG Resources scrap pile	1300 bl Red Rock Rd	Aug 31, 2021	(0)	accidental
Warehouse (multiple bldgs)	Selby Ave west of Hamline Ave	Aug 23, 2021	(0)	arson
Courtyard by Marriott (hotel)	across from 235 5th St W	Aug 4, 2020	(0)	arson

Universal Engineering Services Residence	Wynne Ave. & Snelling Ser Rd 400 block of Front Ave	Apr 14, 2020 Jan 18, 2020	(0) (1 dead)	
Gordon Parks High School	1212 University Ave W	May 28, 2020	(0)	arson
Wilder Park Condominium Highrise	1100 block of Edgcumbe Rd.	May 18, 2020	(0)	
Universal Engineering Services	1145 Snelling Ave N	Apr 14, 2020	(0)	
Gerdau Steel (vehicle scrapyard)	1600 bl Red Rock Rd	Nov 30, 2019	(0)	accidental
Apartment Building	500 bl Cleveland Ave S	Dec 7, 2018	(1 dead)	accidental
Clean Cuts Barber/Avenue Grocery	600 bl Selby Avenue	Nov 17, 2018	(0)	
Commerce Building	1303 Red Rock Road	Oct 18, 2018	(0)	
Residential Duplex	1035 Arkwright Street N	Jan 25, 2017	(1 dead)	not arson
Advanced Furniture and Leather Repair	822 Prior Ave.	Dec 14, 2010	(0)	
Coppage Family Firebombing	385 E. Lawson Ave.	Feb 28, 1994	(5 dead)	gang arson
Residence	missing	Oct 25, 1986	(8 dead)	
Commodore Hotel (explosion & fire)	79 Western Ave	Feb 16, 1978	(0)	
Church of St Matthew	510 Hall Ave	Apr 15, 1968	(0)	arson
Carlton Hotel	St. Peter & Exchange St.	Jan 6, 1966	(11 dead)	smoking
Frederic Hotel	5 <sup>th</sup> & Cedar	Jan 20, 1961	(1 dead)	
Minor Hotel	4 <sup>th</sup> St. & Robert St.	Jul 28, 1959	(4 dead)	
Willard Apartments	10 <sup>th</sup> & St. Peter	Dec 1955	(1 dead)	smoking
Jewell Hotel	15-21 E. 5th St.	Aug 13, 1950	(0)	
Kirch & Gillis Night Club (Turf Club)	1601 University Ave.	Nov 1942	(0)	accidental
Hamline United Methodist Church	1514 Englewood Ave.	Dec 24, 1925	(0)	
Midway Transfer District Fire	Vandalia St. & University Ave.	Oct 21, 1900	(5 dead)	
State Capitol		Mar 1, 1881	(0)	undetermined

## Suburban Fires

The following are select major fires for the Metro Area suburbs including commercial, industrial, or institutional fires, or residential fires resulting in at least one fatality. Most single-family residential fires were excluded as were fires of limited damage in apartment buildings.

This list is still being developed.

Property Name	Address & City	Incident Date	Fatalities	Cause
Fleet Farm	10250 Lexington Ave NE, Blaine	Feb 17, 2022	(0)	
The Glen at Burnsville (apts)	13100 Harriet Ave S, Burnsville	Jan 12, 2022	(0)	
Apt Bldg (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)	Brooklyn Park	Dec 20, 2020	(0)	

Siwek Lumber (machine shed)	Jordan	Dec 9, 2020	(0)	accidental
Hanson Implement & Storage Residence	Bass Lake Road and Highway 101, Maple Grove	Dec 1, 2020	(1)	
Quade & Sons (trucking facility)	46th and Aquila Avenues, New Hope	June 18, 2020	(2 dead)	
Apartment Bldg	200 Hastings Ave, Newport	Nov 26, 2018	(0)	
I.O.O.F. Bldg (Ribbons & Roses)	1300 block of Kruse St, West St. Paul	Oct 17, 2018	(1 dead)	
Vicksburg Village (apts)	between 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Aves, Coon Rapids	Mar 28, 2018	(0)	
Foley Foods (convenience store)	Rockford Rd & Vicksburg Lane, Plymouth	Jul 12, 2013	(0)	
Residence	10533 Foley Blvd, Coon Rapids	Aug 30, 2012	(0)	
Ansari's Med. Grill	3551 Crosstown Blvd NE, Ham Lake	Feb. 11, 2011	(2 dead)	
Apt Bldg	1960 Rahncliff Ct, Eagan	Feb. 9, 2011	(0)	
Apt Bldg	9840 Nicollet Ave S, Bloomington	Feb. 8, 2011	(0)	
Mystic Lake Casino (roof fire)	3301 Highway 169, Plymouth	Jan. 31, 2011	(0)	
Dairy Queen	2400 Mystic Lake Blvd NW, Prior Lake	Jan. 23, 2011	(0)	
Ty's New Park Market (Super Valu)	4407 Excelsior Blvd, St Louis Park	1999	(0)	
Oak Park Village (apts, 22 units)	6312 Minnetonka Blvd, St Louis Park	Nov 5, 1993	(0)	
Bernie's Super Valu	3250 Louisiana Ave, St Louis Park	Oct 3, 1989	(0)	
Burnsville High School	Louisiana & Cedar Lake Rd, St Louis Park	Jun 26, 1986	(0)	
Marsh Productions (offices)	600 State Highway 13, Burnsville	May 4, 1994	(0)	Arson
Dominion Group Inc (warehouse)	6415 Walker St, St Louis Park	Jan 4, 1985	(0)	
Microflame Inc (butane torch factory)	7400 Walker St, St Louis Park	Jul 17, 1985	(0)	
McBee Bldg (commercial strip)	3724 Oregon Ave, St Louis Park	Nov 8, 1985	(0)	
Belco Elevators 1 & 2	4300 W 36-1/2 St at Excelsior Blvd	Feb 16, 1983	(0)	
Foo Chu Café	31 <sup>st</sup> & Glenhurst, St Louis Park	May 11, 1977	(0)	
Lilac Lanes (Star) Bowling Alley	4215 Excelsior Blvd	Dec 31, 1979	(0)	
Baden's Bowling Alley	5400 Lilac Way, St Louis Park	Aug 22, 1978	(0)	
Propane BLEVE (explosion)	801 W 77 ½ St, Richfield	Mar 15, 1978	(0)	
Lilac Lanes Café	Bellows Court Apartments, West St. Paul	Jan 11, 1974	(4 dead)	refill operation
Stockyards	St Louis Park	Jan 1964	(0)	
	South Saint Paul	May 1948	(0)	undetermined

## Minnesota Fire Deaths

Minnesota Fire Deaths According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety:

2020 – 53

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2019 – 42  
2018 – 37  
2017 – 68  
2016 – 43  
2015 – 57  
2014 – 44  
2013 – 44  
2012 – 50  
2011 – 56  
2010 – 39  
2009 – 35

List of Minnesota Firefighter Deaths by Name and City:

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/fatalityData/list?state.id=32&deathYear=1990-2019>