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THE SAINT PAUL FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP

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When firefighters respond to a fire, every second counts because a fire will grow in size every minute. Firefighters need to get to the fire and hook up to a hydrant quickly so damage is held to a minimum.

The winter months bring a special concern to the fire department because snow covers vital hydrants. When a fire occurs, firefighters have to locate and shovel out the hydrants before hooking up to the water supply. Firefighters regularly shovel hydrants following a snow, but there are 6,361 hydrants in Saint Paul so we can't get to all of them right away.

We are seeking the community's help by asking you to **Adopt A Hydrant**. "Anyone who has a hydrant on your property could save the fire department precious time by regularly keeping it visible and clear of snow" says Saint Paul Fire Chief Tim Butler. "In a fire, seconds really count when it comes to saving lives and property," Chief Butler adds. Thank you for helping us to keep Saint Paul safe from fire.