

MOORHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

F. I. REMLEY, Chief

Office of Secretary

Moorhead, Minnesota

Jan. 4, 1957

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen:

Moorhead's Fire loss for the year past totaled \$6,581.95. This loss includes building and contents damage on property in the City. The department answered 192 calls.

The above figures possibly represent a record low for our City if population is considered and it is the belief of this office there were certain contributing factors which should be mentioned in this report lest another year find the loss much higher:

1. Increased fire prevention activities by Fire Prevention Bureau and Fire Department in previous years is now starting to pay off.
2. Quick response by firemen and their ability to keep fire damage and water damage at a minimum.
3. Moderate weather during 1956. (very important factor)
4. The cooperation given this office by the Fire Committee and City Council in all matters pertaining to the operation and improvement of this department.

Realizing it may be impossible to duplicate the 1956 fire loss record because of the absence of any one of the above mentioned factors and knowing there are improvements which should be made to promote Fire Safety in our City, I respectfully submit the following proposals for action by the City Council:

1. Hydrants: Although the hydrant situation has improved there are still areas where a hydrant shortage exists. The South acres addition could be termed critical.
2. Meet recommendations made by Fire Underwriters to obtain class five insurance rating. With the rapid growth of the city too long a delay may mean another inspection of the city with more drastic requests which may not be as easy to fulfill as they would be at the present time.
3. North Side Fire Station: Plans have been drawn up for some time for this station. Action should be taken soon to provide north side residents with adequate fire protection.

Yours truly,

F. I. Remley
Chief Fire Department

DECEMBER 30, 1957

FIRE LOSS & FIRE CALL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1957

Total calls to December 30, 1957-----183

Miscellaneous & Emergency-----76
Heating equipment -----39
Electrical wiring & equipment-----14
Overheated electric motors-----8
Cigarettes -----12
Children playing with matches-----2
Grass & rubbish fires -----16
False alarms -----16

Largest single fire loss-----Jan. 22, 1957---Dale E. Detmers
Thompson Trailer Court---\$1000.00.

Total Estimated Property Loss

YEAR	RUNS	LOSS	
1957	183	\$2,700.	(Bob Withnell 510 So. 7th, Furnace blowback, <u>no fire.</u> \$2000. Covered by comprehensive insurance.)
1956	192	6580.	
1955	217	25,055.	
1954	302	13,130.	
1953	296	17,657.	