

North Dakota Office of the State Fire Marshal (ND)

INCIDENT REPORT

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Incident Type: Fire

Agency Incident ID:

NDSFM25-038

BATS ID: 1553387

Investigation Title:

BURLINGTON 52 SPLIT FIRE



Incident Date/Time/Location

Status

Investigation Closed

Jurisdiction

Primary

Start Date/Time

4/20/2025 11:00 Sunday

Address

US-52 E

City/State/Zip

Burlington, ND 58722

County

Ward County

Investigator Information

Name

Andrew J Browne

Phone

701-720-9264

Email

abrowne@nd.gov

Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal

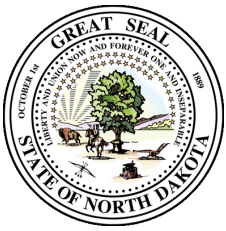
Property Use or Target Information

Type

Field/Woods

Status

Other



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Scene Details

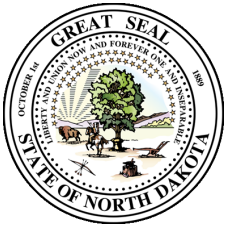
Miscellaneous Information

Latitude

48.306822

Longitude

-101.515879



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Attachments

Filename	Description	Date
NDSFM25-031-1 MINOT SOLBERG FIRE.pdf		4/28/2025

No image specified



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Narrative(s)

Title

Opening Report

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Description

A fire had occurred on Highway 52 in the ditch near the Highway 52 and Highway 2 split west of the City of Burlington.



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Investigator/Agent - Browne, Andrew

Date

Approving Official

Date



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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NARRATIVE
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Lead Fire/Explosion Origin and Cause Investigator:		
Name	Agency	Case Reference if Available
Fire Chief Karter Lesmann	Burlington Rural Fire Department	Unknown

Fatalities/Injuries:		
Name	Fatality/Injury:	Notes/Other Information:
		No injuries or fatalities were reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Reason For Supplemental Report:
<p>On Monday, April 21, 2025, I, Deputy State Fire Marshal Andrew Browne contacted Fire Chief Karter Lesmann of the Burlington Fire Department to follow up on a wildland fire that occurred on Sunday, April 20, 2025, that was reported to our office through the North Dakota Watch Center.</p> <p>I spoke to Fire Chief Lesmann on the phone. During the conversation, it was agreed that I would not respond.</p> <p>This report was to document our follow-up of the fire that occurred. No response from the North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office was requested.</p>

Remarks:
<p>Fire Chief Lesmann stated on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at approximately 11:00 am the Burlington Rural Fire Department was called for a report of two separate grass fires along Highway 52 in the ditch that were spreading to adjacent field and woods, near the Highway 52 and Highway 2 split, west of Burlington. The fires were in close proximity to each other.</p> <p>Fire Chief Lesmann stated that approximately 1,500 acres were burned. Fire Chief Lesmann stated as of approximately 2:00 pm on Monday, April 21, 2025, the fire was contained with fire crews still monitoring hot spots within the woods. Fire Chief Lesmann stated there were no structures that were damaged in the fire, and no injuries or fatalities.</p> <p>Fire Chief Lesmann stated the cause of the fire was believed to have been from chains from a truck/trailer that were dragging along the highway that ignited dead grass along the ditch of the highway.</p>