



North Dakota Office of the State Fire Marshal (ND)

INCIDENT REPORT

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Incident Type: Fire

Agency Incident ID: NDSFM25-088

BATS ID: 1573809

Investigation Title: MAX BRIDGE FIRE



Incident Date/Time/Location

Status

Investigation Closed

Jurisdiction

Assisting

Start Date/Time

9/7/2025 23:00 Sunday

Address - 1-2 Miles north of Highway 83 on 31st Ave, NW, Max, ND.

31st Ave NW

City/State/Zip

Max, ND 58759

County

McLean

Additional Directions

1-2 Miles north of Highway 83 on 31st Ave, NW, Max, ND.

Investigator Information

Name

Jessica Sinerius

Phone

701-220-2762

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jsinerius@nd.gov

Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal

Property Use or Target Information

Type

Outside/Special Properties

Subtype

Bridge/Trestle

Status

Occupied And Operating



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Narrative(s)

Title

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Description

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Investigator/Agent - Sinerius, Jessica

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 Cody Swanson	Max Rural Fire Protection District	
Detective Aaron Matties	McLean County Sheriff's Office	MC-25-07925

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

Reason For Supplemental Report:

On Monday September 8, 2025, at approximately 8:00 AM, I, Deputy State Fire Marshal Jess Sinerius, was contacted by the on-call deputy regarding a fire that occurred in Max, ND. I was requested to contact Fire Chief Cody Swanson of the Max Rural Fire Protection District.

Discussion was held with Fire Chief Cody Swanson, Detective Aaron Matties of the McLean County Sheriff's Office and with Special Agent Craig Zachmeier of the ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation. This report is to document the fire occurrence. The North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office did not respond.

Remarks:

On September 7, 2025, at approximately 11:00 PM a fire was reported 1-2 miles north of Highway 83 on 31st Ave NW, Max, ND.

Upon arriving on scene, a bridge crossing over a train track was fully involved with flames. The Max Rural Fire Protection District extinguished the fire. The McLean County Sherriff's Office investigated the incident. For further information regarding this case refer to the McLean County Sheriff's Office.