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## FIRE DEPARTMENTS ASK RESIDENTS TO HEED RECENT GM RECALL

**Eden Prairie, Minn.** — Area fire departments are asking residents who own select General Motors (GM) vehicles manufactured between 1997 and 2003 to heed the company’s recent safety recall because of a serious danger of car fires.

GM is recalling 1.5 million vehicles as the result of a defect that causes drops of engine oil to spill onto the vehicle’s exhaust manifold and ignite. The recall involves vehicles that contain GM’s 3.8-liter V6 engine and includes the 1998-1999 Oldsmobile Intrigue; the 1997-2003 Pontiac Grand Prix; the 1997-2003 Buick Regal and the 1998-2003 Chevrolet Lumina, Monte Carlo and Impala.

Owners of a recalled vehicle are asked not to park it in a garage, carport or other structure until repairs have been made. Any recalled vehicle should be taken to an authorized dealer as soon as possible. Service will be performed to correct the defect at no charge.

At least three metro-area car fires over the past three months are believed to be directly related to the defect and subsequent recall. Two took place in separate underground parking garages in Edina on the same day in early March. The third took place in Plymouth in early May.

“We want to caution all residents who own vehicles that fall under this recall and encourage them to have the vehicle serviced as soon as possible,” said Eden Prairie Fire Marshal **Allen Nelson**. “This should be taken seriously; several of our neighboring communities have had fires attributed to recalled vehicles.”

Additional information about the GM recall can be obtained by contacting Chevrolet at 800-630-2438, Oldsmobile at 800-630-6537 or Pontiac at 800-620-7668. Additional information can also be obtained at [gmownercenter.com](http://gmownercenter.com).

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 residents located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. Since 2006, Eden Prairie has been listed on MONEY Magazine’s 100 “Best Places to Live” in America.

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