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To: mkaszuba@publicrecordmedia.org

Hello and thank you for your inquiry. Below are answers to your questions:

1. This year (2021) the fair's admission gates closed at 8 p.m. on Labor Day. In 2019 the gates closed at 9 p.m. on Labor Day. The one hour Labor Day earlier closing time was scheduled for the 2020 fair but the fair was canceled that year. The fair's staff addresses operating hours for attractions, buildings, barns, performances and gates on an annual basis. On the last night of the fair, many vendors and concessionaires begin to break down their set ups and all buildings and exhibitions close earlier especially when you take into consideration staffing challenges and that most schools start the following day, so an hour earlier closing time was appropriate.

2. This was a staff decision, not a board decision so there are no public minutes.

3. Any security reports with regard to the fair would have only been reported by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, so the inquiry should be directed to Ramsey County.

Thank you,
Media Department
Minnesota State Fair

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Minnesota State Fair --

I'm with Public Record Media, a non-profit based in Saint Paul, that makes public records requests on the local, state and federal level on topics of general interest. Our website is www.publicrecordmedia.org.

We had requested -- and received -- incident reports from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office related to a disturbance outside the main gate to the State Fair on the last night of the fair this year.

Had a couple of questions:

-- We noticed in the Ramsey County Sheriff's report that the fair closed on the last night at 8 p.m.; is that correct? If so, does the represent an earlier closing than in past years? If it was earlier, what was the previous closing time on the fair's last night; what year did the change take place? What was the reason for the change?

-- Did the State Fair's governing body discuss changing the closing hour on the fair's last night? If so, are there any public minutes from the meeting where that was discussed?

-- Did the State Fair's own security produce any reports related to the

disturbance? If so, we would like a copy/copies. If you require a formal state data request, let us know.

Thanks in advance.

Mike Kaszuba
Public Record Media