



State Fire Report – January 2020
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
 Issued 2/15/2020

Fires reported in the month of January 63

2020 Monthly Fire Counts

| Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Total |
|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 63 | | | | | | | | | | | | 63 |

Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$1,317,390.00

Incidents reported for the month..... 1,871

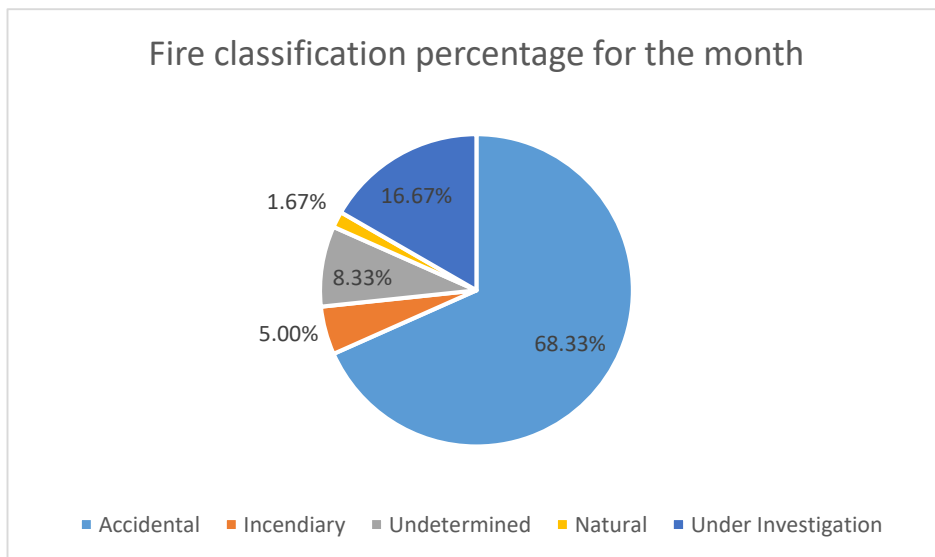
Most reported fire type for the month

- Building fires 29.03%
- Passenger vehicle fires 19.35%

Most reported heat source for the month

- Radiated, conducted heat from operating equipment 11.67%
- Undetermined40.00%

Fire classifications breakdown for the month



Injuries and Fatalities

| | | | |
|--|----------|--------------|----------|
| Civilian fire casualties for the month | 1 | Year to date | 1 |
| Civilian fire injuries for the month | 3 | Year to date | 3 |
| Fire service injuries for the month | 0 | Year to date | 0 |

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month 22%

Incident totals by type year to date 2020

| Fires | Rescue (EMS) | Hazardous Conditions | Service | Good Intent | Severe Weather | Special Incident | False Calls | Total |
|-------|--------------|----------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 63 | 1,282 | 66 | 65 | 161 | 0 | 11 | 223 | 1,871 |

Update from the State Fire Marshal's Office:

February is a great time for fire prevention and training in North Dakota. The North Dakota Firefighters Association Annual Fire School occurs the 27th through the 30th of the month. If you haven't registered or are not sending anyone from your department please consider this valuable training and contact NDFA with questions. The ND State Fire Marshal's Office appreciates the working relationship that we have with NDFA. I hope to see everyone at Fire School and wish you a safe rest of the month.

If you have any fire incidents resulting in injuries (civilian or fire service) or casualties, please notify the North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office. This allows us to better track these and ensure that no injuries or loss of life become lost data. If requesting assistance with a fire investigation please contact State Radio at (701)328-9921.

We will be attempting to update the North Dakota Fire Chiefs with this information once a month. Please let us know if you have any questions about fire reporting, when to contact the State Fire Marshal's Office, or how to ensure your incidents make it into NFIRS.

Thank you,

Douglas Nelson
ND State Fire Marshal

Public education and outreach for the month:

This topical flyer is provided by the United States Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association. More public education resources can be found on both organizations websites.

United States Fire Administration: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/index.html>

Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| <p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p> | <p>1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment.</p> | <p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p> |
| <p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p> | <p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p> | <p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p> |
| <p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p> | <p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p> | |



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.