



State Fire Report – April 2020
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
 Issued 5/15/2020

Fires reported in the month of April **165**

2020 Monthly Fire Counts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
97	112	149	165									523

Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... **\$6,722,406.00**

Incidents reported for the month..... **1,344**

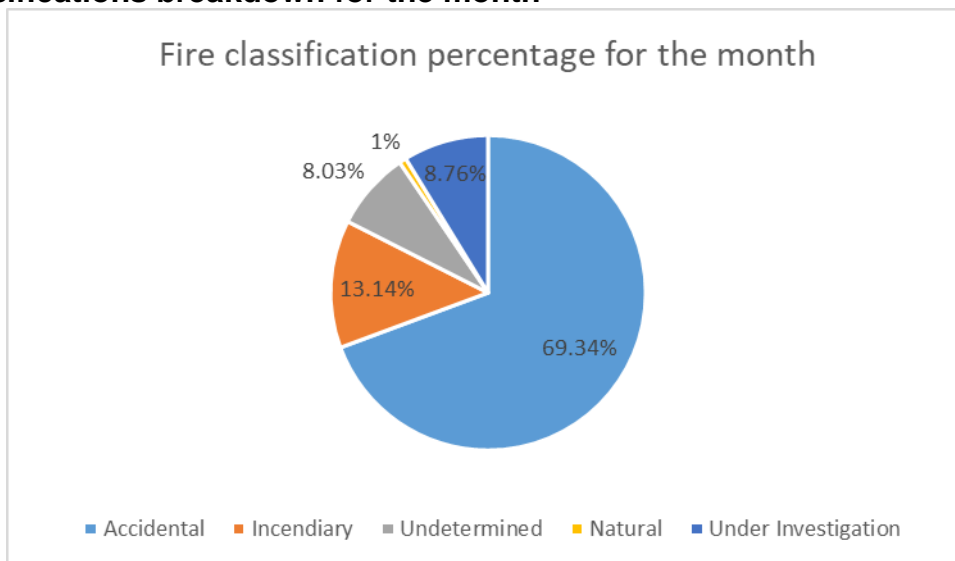
Most reported fire type for the month

- Grass fire 23.67%
- Building fires 17.16%

Most reported heat source for the month

- Arcing 8.76%
- Undetermined 37.23%

Fire classifications breakdown for the month



Injuries and Fatalities

Civilian fire casualties for the month	4	Year to date	6
Civilian fire injuries for the month	0	Year to date	9
Fire service injuries for the month	1	Year to date	2

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month **28%**

Incident totals by type year to date 2020

Fires	Rescue (EMS)	Hazardous Conditions	Service	Good Intent	Severe Weather	Special Incident	False Calls	Total
523	5,804	364	474	1,008	1	47	1,068	9,303

Update from the State Fire Marshal's Office:

Sadly, last month ended with four deaths attributed to fire. This is too large of a loss for a State such as ours, and highlights the importance of fire prevention.

Last week (May 3-9) was National Arson Awareness Week, and attached to this month's report is the United States Fire Administrations informational flyer regarding this. First responders are the initial witnesses to events, can help preserve valuable fire investigation evidence and are a critical part of the fire investigation team. Please see the flyer below for more information on how your department can help with arson investigation.

NFIRS is currently conducting a special study to obtain more information on the Covid-19 response and effects on the fire service. Also attached to this month's report is a coding guide provided by NFIRS.

If you have any fire incidents resulting in injuries (civilian or fire service) or casualties, notify the North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office. If requesting assistance with a fire investigation please contact State Radio at (701)328-9921, and they will notify us to contact you to coordinate a response.

Note the approximate increase of 8% between previous and this month's reporting fire departments. This is important to the validity of our State fire statistics. Thank you for taking the time to report your fires and please help us spread the word to all fire departments to increase our reporting of fires (or no activity reports). 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:

May 3-9 was National Arson Awareness week with the United States Fire Administration. More public education resources can be found on both organizations websites.

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

National Fire Protection Association: www.nfpa.org



U.S. Fire Administration

Working for a fire-safe America

First responders: know your fire investigation role
News and Announcements | May 4, 2020



4205 State St. Bismarck, ND 58503
Phone: (701)328-5555 Fax: (701)328-5557
Email: infofm@nd.gov

This year's Arson Awareness Week (May 3-9) highlights the crucial role that first responders can play in a successful fire investigation.

Visit our website for tips on how to preserve clues for fire investigators and training that will teach you the importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation and the basics of a fire investigation.

[Learn about your fire investigation role](#)

Fire and EMS: explore these critical resources to assist you with infection control, cost reimbursement and your overall response to COVID-19.

