



State Fire Report – May 2020
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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Fires reported in the month of May 211

2020 Monthly Fire Counts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
101	120	157	234	211								825

Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$8,264,377.00

Incidents reported for the month..... 2,068

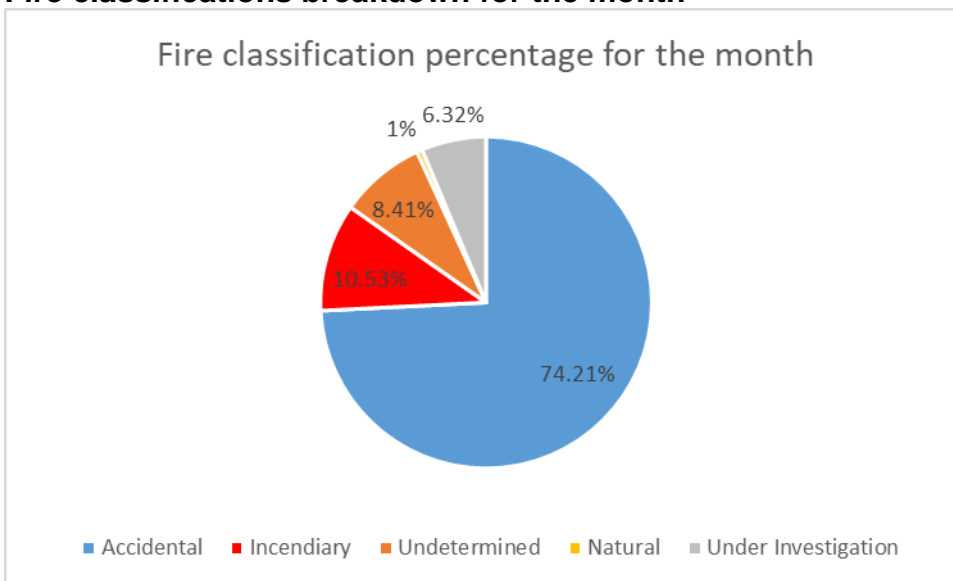
Most reported fire type for the month

- Grass fire 22.75%
- Building fires 16.11%

Most reported heat source for the month

- Cigarette 11.05%
- Undetermined 27.37%

Fire classifications breakdown for the month



Injuries and Fatalities

Civilian fire casualties for the month	1	Year to date	7
Civilian fire injuries for the month	5	Year to date	14
Fire service injuries for the month	2	Year to date	8

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month **26%**

Incident totals by type year to date 2020

Fires	Rescue (EMS)	Hazardous Conditions	Service	Good Intent	Severe Weather	Special Incident	False Calls	Total
825	7,992	516	677	1,652	1	94	1,570	13,350

Update from the State Fire Marshal's Office:

The Fourth of July is just a few weeks away and with that in mind, I thought our public education outreach should be focused on the fire and safety risks associated with consumer fireworks. Reminder, the sale of fireworks is regulated under North Dakota Century Code 23-15 including the following; "Any person operating a retail business and who has a retail license as provided in section 23-15-04 may offer for sale and sell at retail that year, to any individual who is at least twelve years of age, only during the periods of June twenty-seventh through July fifth and December twenty-sixth through January first".

Retail fireworks licenses are managed by local Sheriff's Offices, and wholesale fireworks licenses are managed by the Attorney General's Licensing Division.

The North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office has adopted a new edition of the International Fire Code (IFC). Beginning on July 1, 2020, the 2018 Edition of the IFC will be the North Dakota State Fire Code. Attached to this email are the amendments and the adoption language as it will be in Administrative Rules.

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.

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:

On the following page, a statistical fireworks injury flyer can be found. 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

FIREWORKS

Each year, fireworks injure thousands and cause thousands of fires.

Fireworks cause an estimated **18,500** reported fires in the U.S. each year.

U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 12,900 people for fireworks-related injuries in 2017.

Fireworks Injuries by Body Part

Eye	14%
Head, Face or Ear	22%
Arm	6%
Hand or Finger	31%
Trunk or Other	10%
Leg	17%

Sparklers alone account for more than one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Fireworks Injuries: Demographics

Injuries by Age of Victim

Age Group	Percentage
0-4	9%
5-9	15%
10-14	11%
15-19	11%
20-24	10%
25-44	34%
45-65	9%

MALES ACCOUNT FOR 70% OF FIREWORKS-RELATED INJURIES

However, children aged 5-9 are actually **more than twice** as likely as other age groups to be injured by fireworks when looking at relative risk based on population totals of each age group.

About 2 in 5 fires started by fireworks each year, are reported on Independence Day.

Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.

For more information, please visit: www.nfpa.org/fireworks



*Information sourced from CPSC, and NFPA's "Fireworks Report"

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