



State Fire Report – August 2020
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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Fires reported in the month of August 194

2020 Monthly Fire Counts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
102	121	156	255	273	252	233	194					1,586

Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$18,893,481.00

Incidents reported for the month..... 1,881

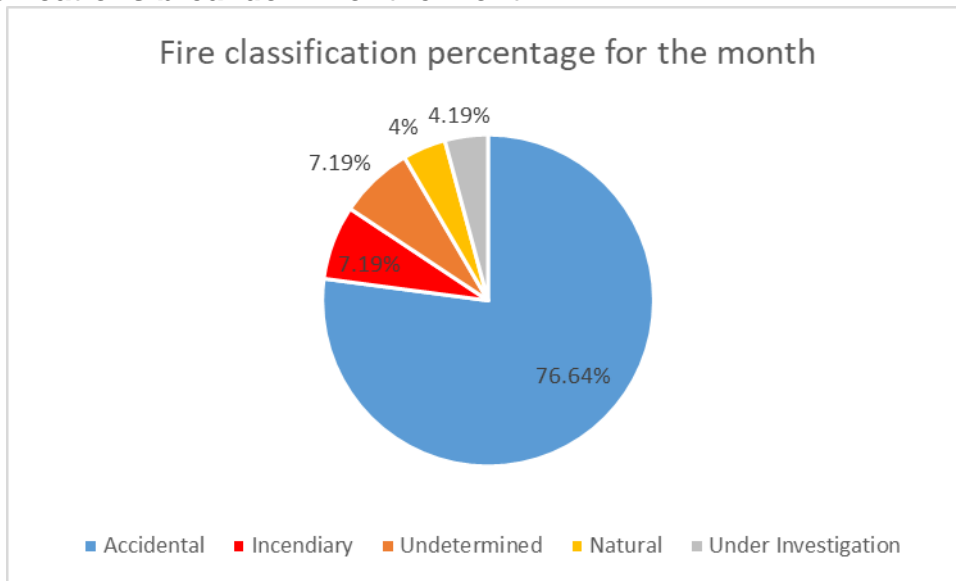
Most reported fire type for the month

- Grass fire 26.80%
- Building fires 13.92%

Most reported heat source for the month

- Spark, ember or flame from operating equipment..... 11.38%
- Undetermined 26.95%

Fire classifications breakdown for the month



Injuries and Fatalities

Civilian fire casualties for the month	1	Year to date	9
Civilian fire injuries for the month	0	Year to date	13
Fire service injuries for the month	1	Year to date	6

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
1,586	14,251	905	1,214	2,661	26	163	2,527	23,369

Update from the State Fire Marshal's Office:

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2020. The theme for this year is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen". According to the National Fire Protection Association, "Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen." Now is a great time to prepare to educate your community about fire safety.

2020 Emergency Response Guides ERG have arrived and are awaiting pick-up for those departments or emergency managers that have contacted us to reserve them. Please contact our office when you or someone from your County are available to pick them up. We are working with everyone to distribute the ERG's as effectively as we can. The 2020 ERG is also available for download online or as an app at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/erg/emergency-response-guidebook-erg>

The Certificate of Existence (CoE) program is open for the current year. CoE's need to be submitted to our office by October 31. Please follow the instructions on the CoE email and set up an online account. By filling the CoE out online, you will ensure the information entered will save over to the next year, requiring less data entering in future years.

Youth fire-setting is a difficult, but all too often problem that is encountered by the fire service. If you have any incidents determined to be the result of youth fire-setting, please report the information to our office. This will allow us to better track this information throughout the State and make sure we are identifying youth fire-setting as early as we can.

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) will be undergoing a large change. This includes removing all non-online reporting (Fire Reporting Tool), and password/account management. Please see the attached document reporting the changes, and what may affect your reporting. For those of you that report through Emergency Reporting or other third party software, the changes will not affect your incident reporting.

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:

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

Consumer Product Safety Commission: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fire-Safety-Information-Center>

Recipe for
Fire-Safe Cooking

Cooking is the main cause of home fire and fire injuries. By practicing these fire-safe tips, you can prevent cooking fires and keep your family safe.


- ✓ Keep an eye on what you fry.
- ✓ Stand by your pan.
- ✓ Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
- ✓ Wear short sleeves or roll sleeves up.
- ✓ Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet nearby to cover the pan if it catches on fire.

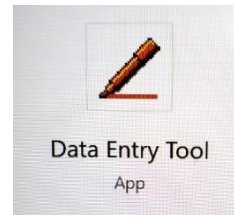
For more information and resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



North Dakota Fire Departments/Districts reporting fires and/or No Activity using NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System):

**** All NFIRS services and reporting will be unavailable/not functioning, the 2nd week of October 2020!**

Many of you have been using the software DET (Data Entry Tool) Which may look like this  to enter your Fire Reports and/or your No Activity Reports.



With the next USFA NFIRS release, planned in October 2020, all functions of the DET (Data Entry Tool) will be provided in the new modernized, web-based tool called **eNFIRS**. At this same time in mid-October, the USFA will decommission the client software Data Entry Tool (DET), meaning, you will no longer be able to use this software/app. for fire reporting.

What the implementation of **eNFIRS** means for users:

- The USFA Client Tool (Data Entry Tool (DET) and System Admin Tool) software will no longer connect with the NFIRS national database.
- Users who do not use a third-party vendor product (such as Emergency Reporting) to create an incident report will now be required to use the USFA's web-based tool, **eNFIRS**, for incident data
- eNFIRS will now be found at and reside at the USFA website:
https://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/nfirs/user_tools/index.html
- There will no longer be the option to do reporting offline
- In **eNFIRS** users will be able to reset their own Password
 - In fact, state admins. will no longer be able to do this for you. The user will be required to reset their own password through use of a valid email address.
- ALL users will (starting mid-October) need to utilize a web browser, not the software program.
 - FEMA recommends Microsoft Edge as the most compatible browser to use.
- If your user account is "Active" when this change happens your user account will transfer to the new system flawlessly.
- **All users will receive an email the 2nd week in October that states that they have 5 days to log in to the new system. If they do not log in and create a new password within those 5 days, their account will become locked and the State Admin. will be required to reset the account in order for them to regain access to NFIRS.**
- Watch your email for dates in September and October when FREE video trainings on this new, modernized, **eNFIRS**, will be offered online. Also watch for the sharing of a new eNFIRS User Guide.
- eNFIRS will utilize a single sign-on portal. What this means is you will be able to access all that eNFIRS has to offer, with 1 signon in 1 location.
 - Upon login, the system will display tools based on the user's NFIRS account permissions. The functions of the NFIRS tools will remain the same, but the interfaces will be updated and modernized.

Here is the contact information for the NFIRS Support Center:

(888) 382-3827

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