



**State Fire Report – January 2021**  
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
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**Fires reported in the month..... 75**

- Structure Fires ..... 42
- Vehicle Fires ..... 11
- Other Fires ..... 22

**2021 Monthly Fire Counts**

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
75												75

**Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$**

\*This data is not currently being reported by eNFIRS. When it is reported again, it will be included in future monthly reports.

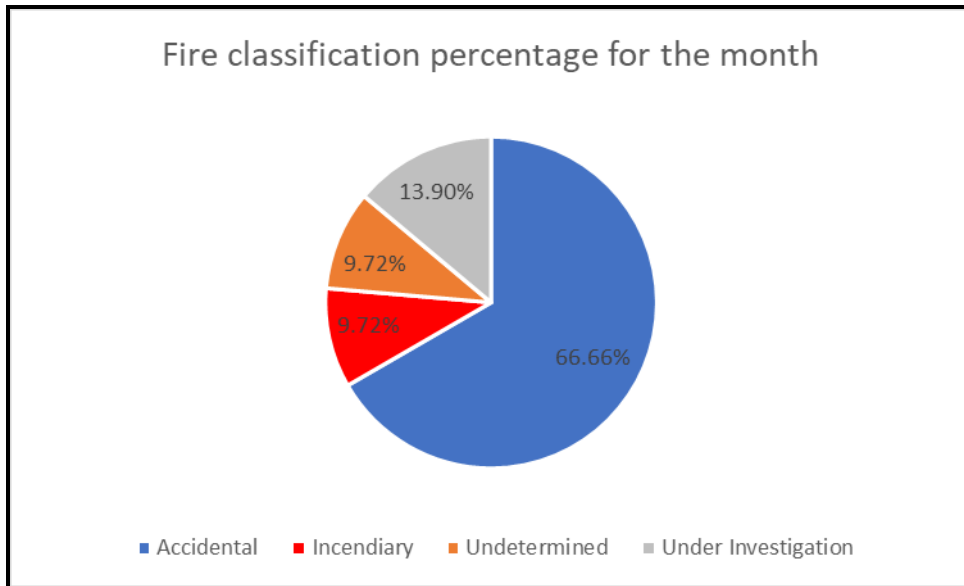
**Total incidents reported for the month..... 2,227**

**Most reported fire type for the month**

- Building fires ..... 26.67%
- Cooking fire, contained to container ..... 16.00%

**Most reported heat source for the month**

- Radiated, conducted heat from operating equipment ..... 12.50%
- Undetermined ..... 43.06%



Injuries and Fatalities	Month	Year to date
Civilian fire casualties	1	1
Civilian fire injuries	1	1
Fire service injuries	0	0

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month ..... **27%**

**Incident totals by type year to date 2020**

Fires	Rupture/explos.	Rescue (EMS)	Hazardous Conditions	Service	Good Intent	Severe Weather	Special Incident	False Calls	Total
75	3	1,565	89	68	197	2	6	222	<b>2,227</b>

**Update from the State Fire Marshal's Office:**

Greetings to all this month. As you battle the harsh conditions, a few items to note as we hopefully head into warmer weather.

The North Dakota Firefighters Association (NDFFA) is hosting the annual fire school on the last weekend in February. It is virtual/online this year, and there is still time to sign up. The NDFFA is hosting three National Fire Academy courses locally in 2021: Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist will be in Bismarck from 3/27/21 – 3/28/21; Plans Review for Fire and Life Safety will be in Bismarck from 5/17/21 – 5/22/21; and Hazardous Materials Code Enforcement is being planned for late next summer.

The North Dakota Fire Chief's Association provided the following link for any fire departments interested in learning more about the SORN 20/20 Radio project. [SORN 20/20 | North Dakota ITD \(nd.gov\)](https://www.nd.gov/sorn2020/)

The timeframe to submit your Fire Department Certificate of Existence and be eligible for Fire Insurance Tax Distribution is coming to a close. Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day to submit your Certificate of Existence. There are currently twelve (12) fire departments that have not submitted for 2020.

Please notify the ND State Fire Marshal's Office directly of any fire injuries or fatalities (civilian or fire service). It assists us in tracking this critically important data. Injuries and fatalities should also be reported through your fire incident reporting platform (Emergency Reporting, NFIRS, etc.).

So far for last year (2020), there were 2,695 fires reported by fire departments. Of the 2,695 fires approximately ten percent (260 fires) were labeled as incendiary/intentional. Approximately ten percent more were labeled as undetermined. You can still report your 2020 incidents until June 30, 2021. We are currently at the highest fire reporting that we have record of. We need your help to continue improving reporting levels in order to gather more accurate fire data.

Please let us know if you have any questions or anything we can assist with.

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](http://www.nfpa.org)


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



**Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires**

**Did you know?**        **1 in every 7** home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths involves heating equipment.

**As you stay cozy and warm this winter, stay fire smart!**  Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

 Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

 U.S. Fire Administration |  Fire is Everyone's Fight |  NFPA

USFA 360-Degree Kitchen Fire-safety video - [Fire prevention and public education \(fema.gov\)](https://www.usfa.fema.gov)



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