



**State Fire Report – February 2021**  
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
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**Fires reported in the month..... 92**

- Structure Fires ..... 53
- Vehicle Fires ..... 15
- Other Fires ..... 24

**2021 Monthly Fire Counts**

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
100	92											192

**Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$982,200.00**

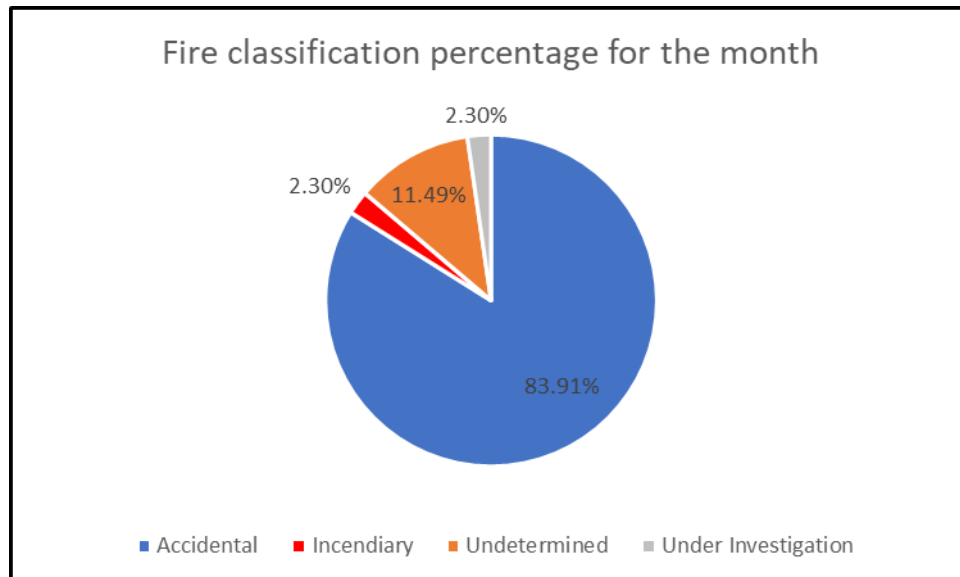
**Total incidents reported for the month..... 2,297**

**Most reported fire type for the month**

- Building fires ..... 32.61%
- Grass fire ..... 10.87%

**Most reported heat source for the month**

- Radiated, conducted heat from operating equipment ..... 18.39%
- Undetermined ..... 32.18%



Injuries and Fatalities	Month	Year to date
Civilian fire casualties	0	1
Civilian fire injuries	3	5
Fire service injuries	0	0

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

**Incident totals by type year to date 2021**

Fires	Rupture/ explos.	Rescue (EMS)	Hazardous Conditions	Service	Good Intent	Severe Weather	Special Incident	False Calls	Total
192	13	3,428	198	271	551	3	27	651	<b>5,334</b>

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

Greetings to all this month. As you are assuredly already aware, very dry conditions exist throughout the State. Wildfires are always a risk, especially when combined with dry conditions, heat and our North Dakota winds. To help evaluate and monitor the risks in your community, please visit the burn ban restrictions and fire danger maps at the Department of Emergency Services website. For further questions about wildland fire response or risks please contact DES or the Department of Forestry. To request a fire investigation of a wildfire please contact State Radio to work with us to dispatch a Deputy Fire Marshal.

[Burn Ban Restrictions & Fire Danger Maps | ND Response](#)  
[NDSU - North Dakota Forest Service — North Dakota Forest Service](#)

The North Dakota State Crime Lab has experienced turnover of fire debris analysts. This is a critical service for the State Fire Marshal's Office and fire departments that collect their own evidence or conduct fire investigations. Their short staffing is expected to last throughout this year, and could result in delays of fire debris analysis of up to two weeks. Please help the Crime Lab through this by being patient for results, and reaching out to them if you have any priority cases that need a faster turn-around.

The State Fire Marshal's pages on the Office of the Attorney General's Website have been updated! Please visit us at [Attorney General \(nd.gov\)](#) to view our new windows and layout. We are under "Public Safety", then click "Fire Safety Information". Hopefully this is simpler for all to navigate.

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

Attached to this month's public education information below are results to date from NFIRS first ever nation-wide special study (#9244 Covid-19). If your fire department is assisting in administration of Covid 19 vaccines, NFIRS is tracking that through Incident Code 553. Thank you to all fire departments/districts in North Dakota that have participated so far.

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

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

Thank you,  
 Douglas Nelson  
 ND State Fire Marshal

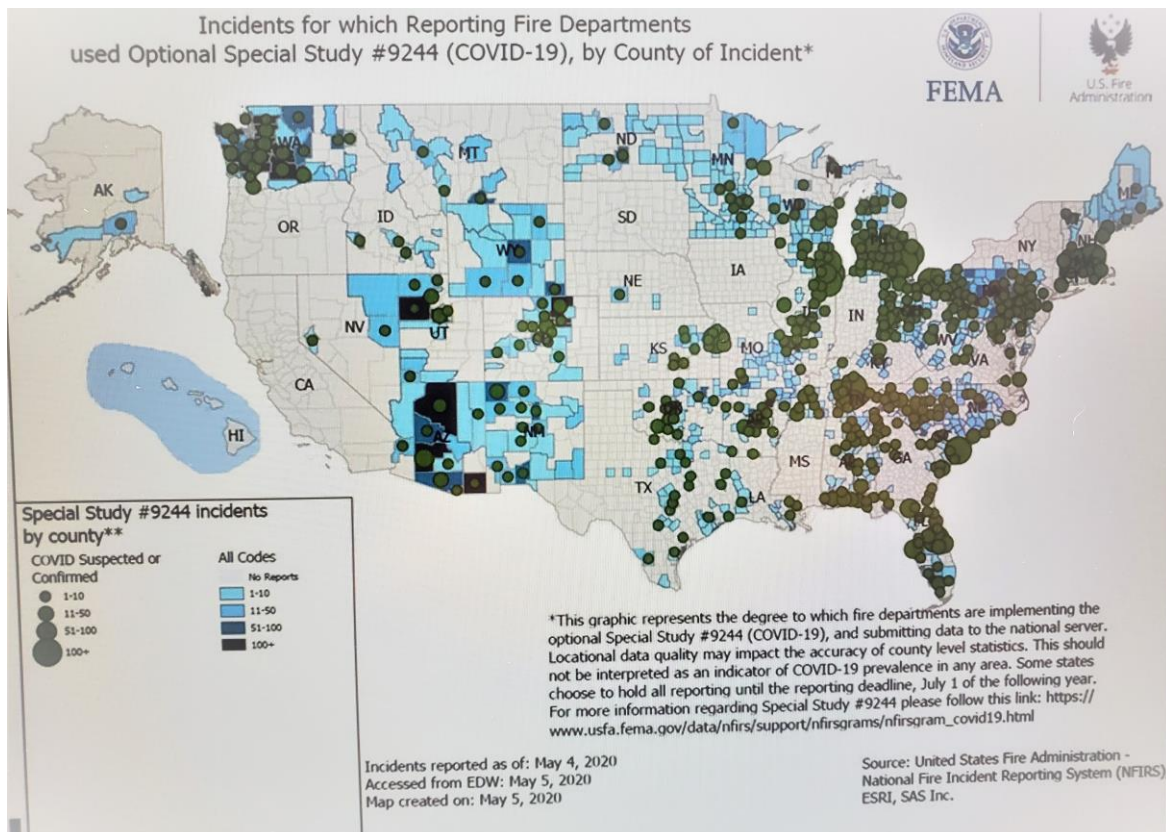
**Public education and outreach for the month:**

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>



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