Fires reported in the month................................................................. 285
  - Structure Fires ...... 58
  - Vehicle Fires ........ 33
  - Other Fires .......... 194

2021 Monthly Fire Counts

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Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date................................. $22,095,371.00

Total incidents reported for the month...................................... 2,814

Most reported fire type for the month
  - Grass fire ................................................................. 38.11%
  - Building fires ....................................................... 10.49%

Most reported heat source for the month
  - Spark, ember or flame from operating equipment ...................... 22.13%
  - Undetermined ............................................................ 25.96%
Injuries and Fatalities Caused by Fire

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Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month .......................... 34%

Incident totals by type year to date 2021

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Update from the State Fire Marshal’s Office:

We have officially moved! Our new address is North Dakota State Fire Marshal’s Office 1720 Burlington Dr. Suite B, Bismarck, ND 58504. We no longer have a fax number, so all communication must come directly through mail, email, or phone. Next time you are in town please stop by and we will give you a tour. We share our new location with four other divisions of the Attorney General’s Office.

The Certificate of Existence (CoE) program has officially opened for the year. CoEs need to be submitted to our office by October 31st. Please follow the instructions on the CoE emails and set up an online account. By using the online portal and form, your information will be carried over every year and require less data entry in future years.

September is National Preparedness Month and is a great time to teach your community facts about fire safety. Preparedness topics for fire safety can include where to install and how to maintain smoke alarms and creating and practicing a home fire escape plan.

Fire Safety Week 2021 is October 3-9 and the theme is “Learn the Sounds of Safety”. Visit the United States Fire Administration’s or the National Fire Protection Association’s websites to learn more and find resources to help educate your community.

This month’s public education and outreach focus for the month is regarding per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that among other sources is found in aqueous film forming foam (AFFF). If you have exposure to PFAS sources or if your fire department uses AFFF in any aspect of your response, please visit the links listed below to learn more about PFAS.

Visit the USFA at [https://www.usfa.fema.gov/blog/ig-090221-2.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/blog/ig-090221-2.html) and [https://www.usfa.fema.gov/blog/cb-021120.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/blog/cb-021120.html) to learn more about PFAS in AFFF.

Thank you,
Douglas Nelson
ND State Fire Marshal
Public education and outreach for the month:
More public education resources can be found on the following organizations websites.

United States Fire Administration:  https://www.usfa.fema.gov/index.html
National Fire Protection Association:  www.nfpa.org

Legislation impacting firefighting foam continues to evolve

As legislation on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) used in firefighting foam continues to evolve, a recent report finds that fluorine-free foam is not currently a “drop-in” alternative to aqueous film forming foam (AFFF).