



State Fire Report – August 2021
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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Fires reported in the month..... 285

- Structure Fires 58
- Vehicle Fires 33
- Other Fires 194

2021 Monthly Fire Counts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
128	147	437	428	379	406	395	285					2,605

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

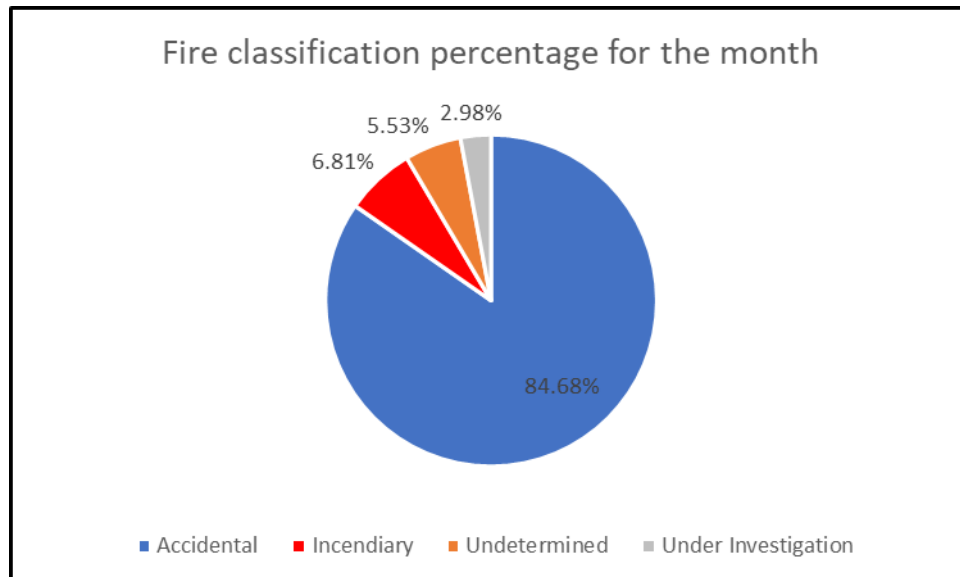
Total incidents reported for the month..... 2,814

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	Month	Year to date
Civilian fire casualties	0	4
Civilian fire injuries	0	14
Fire service injuries	0	7

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month 34%

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
2,605	56	17,330	1,018	1,613	2,955	15	162	2,967	28,721

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> and <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

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

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).