



State Fire Report – September 2021
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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Fires reported in the month..... 144

- Structure Fires 37
- Vehicle Fires 25
- Other Fires 82

2021 Monthly Fire Counts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
128	150	448	453	400	415	433	365	144				2,936

Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$43,002,586.00

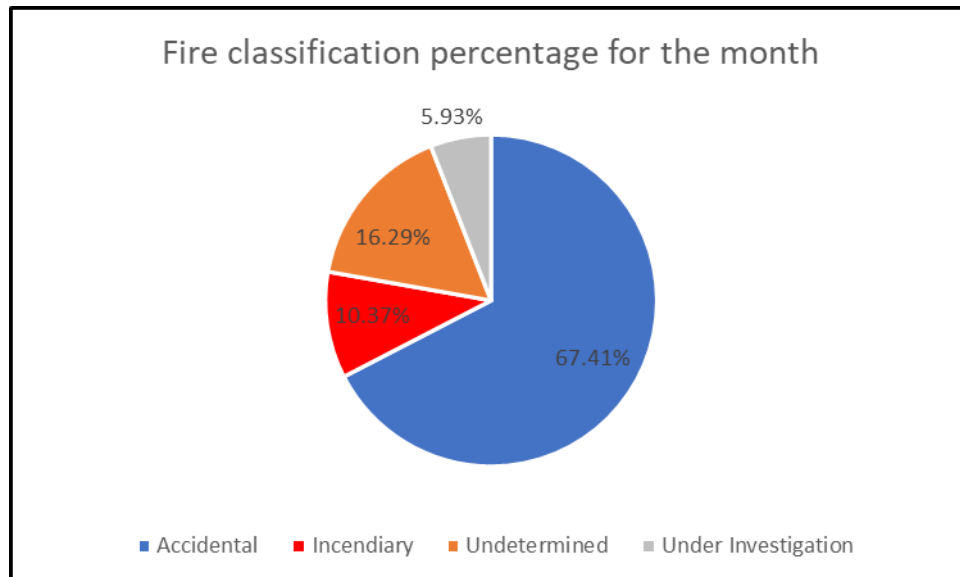
Total incidents reported for the month..... 2,731

Most reported fire type for the month

- Grass fire 29.92%
- Building fires 15.07%

Most reported heat source for the month

- Radiated, conducted heat from operating equipment 8.89%
- Undetermined 32.59%



Injuries and Fatalities Caused by Fire	Month	Year to date
Civilian fire casualties	1	5
Civilian fire injuries	1	16
Fire service injuries	0	7

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month 27%

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
2,936	60	20,069	1,134	1,844	3,367	17	186	3,346	32,959

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. We share our new location with four other divisions of the Attorney General's Office. Next time you are in town please stop by and we will give you a tour.

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.

The next time you contact the State Fire Marshal's Office, you may not hear a familiar voice. Angie Kutzer, who has been with our office for the last three years, greatly helped with fire reporting and the transition to our online Certificate of Existence system is moving on. Angie will be going to work for a church in Mandan. I wanted to take the time to thank Angie for all of her contributions, wish her the best of luck and notify the fire departments that you may need to bear with us when calling our office for help the next time as we work on filling and training in Angie's replacement.

The Deputy Fire Marshal position in our District 4 (Fargo Office) is being re-opened for applicants. If you are aware of anyone at your fire department or that you think would be interested or a good candidate; please pass this information on to them. You can find further information at: [Career Openings | Office of Management and Budget, North Dakota](#)

The public education and outreach for this month is provided by the United States Fire Administration. Please remind your communities to be vigilant around this holiday with candles, costumes, electronics and other possible fire hazards.

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>

NFIRS Data Snapshot

Halloween Fires (2017-2019)



For each year from 2017 to 2019, an estimated average of 9,200 fires were reported to fire departments in the United States over a 3-day period around Halloween. These fires caused an estimated annual average of 25 deaths, 100 injuries and \$117 million in property loss.