



State Fire Report – November 2021
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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Fires reported in the month..... 136

- Structure Fires 49
- Vehicle Fires 27
- Other Fires 60

2021 Monthly Fire Counts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
129	152	460	466	439	455	483	412	221	166	136		3,519

Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$39,693,352.00

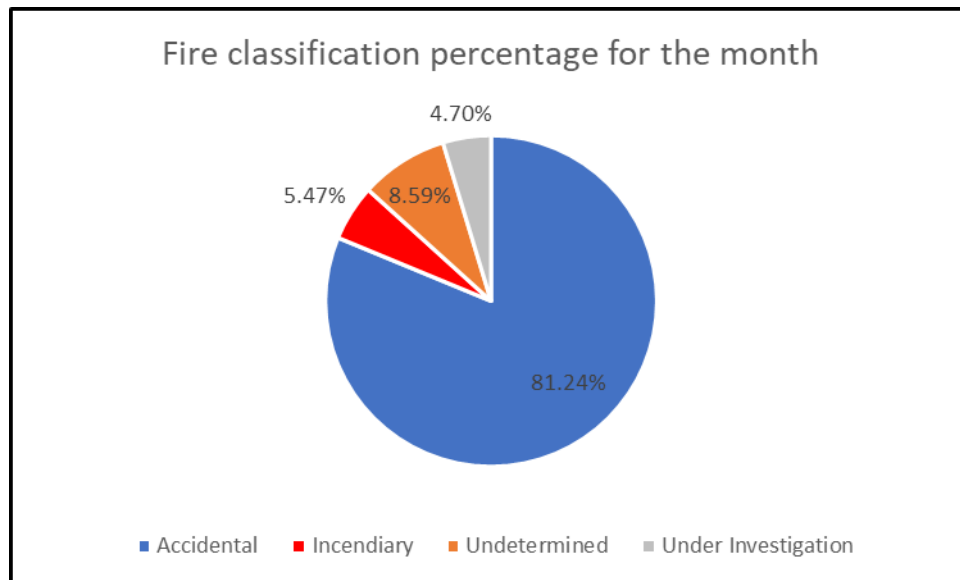
Total incidents reported for the month..... 2,665

Most reported fire type for the month

- Building fires 22.06%
- Grass fire 13.24%

Most reported heat source for the month

- Hot ember or ash 8.59%
- Undetermined 39.06%



Injuries and Fatalities Caused by Fire	Month	Year to date
Civilian fire casualties	0	6
Civilian fire injuries	2	19
Fire service injuries	0	7

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month **29%**

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
3,519	82	25,285	1,421	2,303	4,140	24	243	4,237	41,254

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.

Over the last two years, many fire departments have been reaching out to help increase our Statewide reporting of fires. Thank you to all the fire departments that have been working to improve these essential statistics for the fire service in North Dakota. If you have any questions regarding reporting of fire incidents, please contact our office at (701)328-5555 or nfirs@nd.gov.

The increased reporting makes a large difference in the number of fires and other incidents reported. Further information can be found in our 2020 Annual Fire Report which is located on our website at <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/public-safety/fire-safety-information-0/fire-statistics>.

Though we have not received all Certificates of Existence yet, we are down to approximately 30 remaining. If you have not filed and received confirmation of your Certificate of Existence having been approved this year, please make sure to get online and complete it or request a paper copy. Certificates of Existence must be received and processed prior to March 1st, 2022 to be eligible for the North Dakota Fire Insurance Tax Distribution.

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, cooking, lights, heaters, distractions 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>

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

Did you know?



More than **1/3** of home decoration fires are started by candles.

As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.




Think about using **battery-operated** flameless candles.



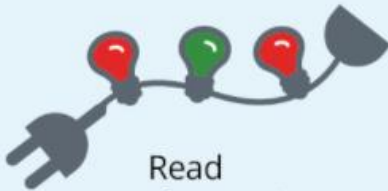
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Did you know?




More than **1 in every 5** Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.

As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet** away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and space heaters.

