



State Fire Report – April 2021
 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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Fires reported in the month..... 308

- Structure Fires 61
- Vehicle Fires 28
- Other Fires 219

2021 Monthly Fire Counts

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
117	129	352	308									911

Dollar loss attributed to fire year to date..... \$6,842,344.00

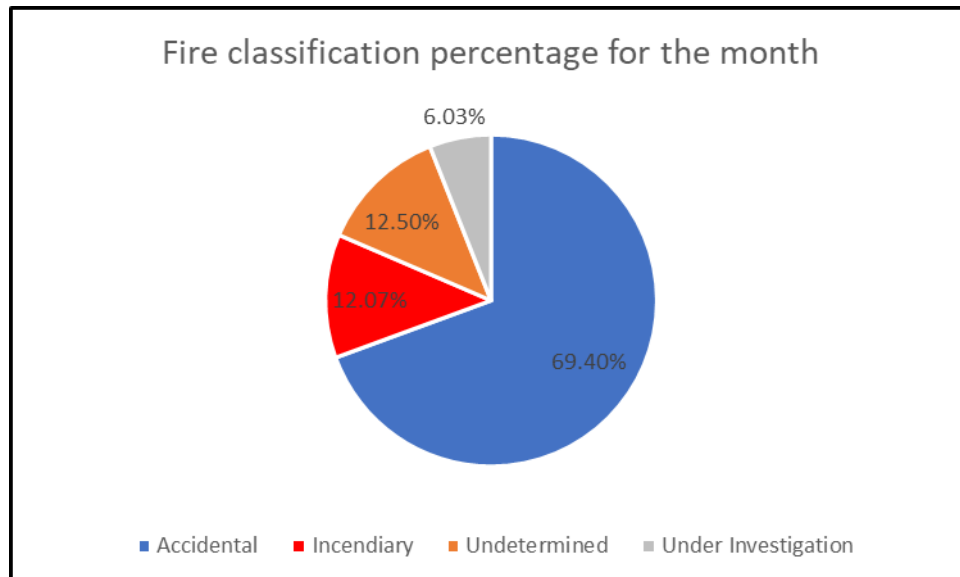
Total incidents reported for the month..... 2,472

Most reported fire type for the month

- Grass fire 35.06%
- Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire 16.56%

Most reported heat source for the month

- Spark, ember or flame from operating equipment 07.76%
- Undetermined 42.24%



Injuries and Fatalities	Month	Year to date
Civilian fire casualties	0	1
Civilian fire injuries	1	10
Fire service injuries	0	2

Percentage of fire departments reporting for the month 40%

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
911	27	7,757	450	655	1,398	3	68	1,346	12,615

Update from the State Fire Marshal’s Office:

Greetings to all this month. As wildfire risks continue, monitoring of drought, fire danger, and burn ban restrictions are located at the following links provided by the Department of Forestry and the Department of Emergency Services.

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

Open burning is regulated under ND Administrative Rule 33.1-15-04 “Open Burning Restrictions”. Administrative rules can be found at <https://www.legis.nd.gov/agency-rules/north-dakota-administrative-code>. Open burning is also regulated under the State Fire Code, specifically section 307. Free access to the International Fire Code (IFC), 2018 Edition can be found at <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IFC2018P3>. The State Fire Marshal’s amendments to the 2018 IFC are under ND Administrative Rule 10-07-01.

As we move closer to July, fireworks season is quickly coming upon us. Reminder, retail fireworks licenses are managed by local County Sheriff’s Departments. Wholesale fireworks licenses are managed by the Office of Attorney General Licensing Section. The sale of fireworks is regulated under North Dakota Century Code 23-15 including the following; “Any person operating a retail business and who has a retail license as provided in section 23-15-04 may offer for sale and sell at retail that year, to any individual who is at least twelve years of age, only during the periods of June twenty-seventh through July fifth and December twenty-sixth through January first”.

National fire incident reporting for the year 2020 is coming to a close. Please make every effort to report and “release”, “review” or “save” any and all 2020 incidents prior to that date. All 2020 incidents must be in to our office by June 28th in order to be counted in the yearly stats through FEMA/NFIRS.

NFPA has a new Wildfire Policy Initiative called “Outthink Wildfire”. The following link includes an overview of the program, a recording of the Facebook Live event to introduce the new strategy, a description of the five tenets of the program, and downloadable PDF’s that provide an overview and descriptions of Action Policies. <https://www.nfpa.org/wildfirepolicy>

Also, our office would like to remind you all that when reporting incidents, the Incident Type codes which you should use for all wildland, grassland, and brush fires are 140-143. This enables us to run better statistics regarding these types of fires.

- 140 Natural Vegetation Fire, Other
- 141 Forest, Woods, or Wildland fire. Includes vegetative fuels, other than a prescribed fire
- 142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire. Includes ground fuels such as dead leaves, fine dead

wood, and downed logs

- Grass Fire. Confined to an area of grass grown cover with little to no other ground fuels.

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>

Focus on Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)



Fire departments across the country are increasingly called upon to respond to WUI fires, including brush, grass, forest fires or other outdoor fires. You may believe that you don't have a WUI problem, and that WUI fires only occur in western states, but more than 46 million residences in 70,000 communities in the U.S. are at risk for WUI fires.

The WUI is the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development. It is the line, area or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. Communities adjacent to and surrounded by wildland are at varying degrees of risk from wildfires.

During April, USFA is drawing attention to these fire risks and providing [resources and information](#) to help your community learn about the WUI, the risks and what they can do to prevent fires as well as keep their neighborhoods safer if there is a fire.

Share these resources to teach your community how to stay safer [before](#), [during](#) and [after](#) a WUI fire.