



**State Fire Report**  
**Office of Attorney General**  
**North Dakota State Fire Marshal**  
**October Report**  
 Released 11/16/22

	Month	Year		Month	Year
<b>Fires Reported</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2089</b>	<b>Total Incidents Reported</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>38,175</b>
Structure Fires	37	769	Dollar Loss due to fire <b>year to date</b> <b>\$38,744,629</b> Dollar Loss due to fire <b>Month</b> <b>\$499,950</b>		
Vehicle Fire	31	455			
Other Fires	78	865			

<b>Monthly Fire Totals</b>											
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
150	122	181	206	216	247	310	289	222	146	0	0

<b>Most Reported Fire Incident Type for the Month</b>	
Grass Fires.....	19.26%
Off Road Vehicle or Heavy Equipment Fires.....	10.37
Building Fires.....	10.37

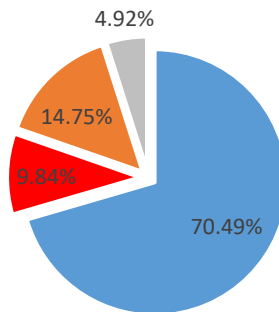
<b>Most Reported Heat Source for the Month</b>	
Radiated, Conducted heat from operating equipment....	8.20%
Hot ember or ash....	6.92%
Spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment....	4.92%

<b>Casualties Caused by Fire</b>		
	Month	Year
Civilian Fatalities	0	14
Civilian Injuries	0	15

<b>Incident Totals by Type for the Year</b>									
Fires	Rupture/ Explosion	Rescue (EMS)	Hazardous Conditions	Services	Good Intent	Severe Weather	Special Incidents	False Calls	<b>Total</b>
2,089	76	23,934	1,467	2,282	3,900	41	210	4,166	<b>38,175</b>

Number of Fire Departments/Districts Reporting for the Month.... **87**  
 Number of Fire Departments/Districts Reporting for the Year..... **261/363**

Fire classification percentage for the month



■ Accidental    ■ Incendiary    ■ Undetermined    ■ Under Investigation



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## From the Fire Marshal's Desk

I hope that all made it through the recent severe weather safely. As winter begins, we will be changing a few items as the New Year starts.

In January 2023, we will be separating our monthly newsletter/update and the fire report into two separate documents. We will focus on a fire reporting reminder and newsletter/update from our office on the first working day of each month, and then report monthly data in the middle of each month. This will help us focus our messaging for what is coming up in the month we are in, and allow our data to stand alone highlighting the fire problem in North Dakota.

We are still accepting Certificates of Existence (CoE) for 2022, so if your fire department has not submitted one, please contact our office for assistance. We do send out reminders weekly to those departments that have not submitted yet. The email reminders have instructions on how to complete the CoE process and set up an online account. By using our online portal and form, your information is saved over subsequent years, requiring less data entry in future years. You can find the portal on our website at: <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/public-safety/fire-safety-information-0/fire-departments>.

Since fall decided to end so abruptly, and the Holiday Season is fast approaching, this month's public education is focused on Cooking Fire Safety and Smoke Alarm Installations provided by the American Red Cross. If you have any questions regarding local smoke alarm installation programs for your community, please contact the North Dakota Red Cross Chapter.

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# Public Education and Outreach for the Month

## CALL TO ACTION | Home Fire Campaign

Your Local Community Needs You!

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### Upcoming Events

**April 17 – May 14, 2022**  
*Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.*  
The American Red Cross will hold our National Signature Event that aims to install 100,000 smoke alarms nationally

**October 8 – 14, 2023**  
*National Fire Prevention Week*  
Nationwide focus on fire safety education and smoke alarm installation

— Help Solve America's Biggest Disaster Threat —

<p><small>On average</small></p> <h2 style="color: #e91e63;">7</h2> <p><b>people</b> die every day from a home fire.</p>	<p><small>On average</small></p> <h2 style="color: #e91e63;">36</h2> <p><b>people</b> suffer injuries as a result of home fires every day.</p>	<p><small>Over</small></p> <h2 style="color: #e91e63;">\$7 billion</h2> <p><b>in property damage</b> occurs every year.</p>
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### Campaign Impact

As of 9/30/22

**Documented Lives Saved**  
▶ 1,414

**Households Made Safer**  
▶ 1,033,170+

**Smoke Alarms Installed**  
▶ 2,439,650+

**People Served through Program**  
▶ 2,700,730+

**Youth Educated**  
▶ 1,882,810+

**Organizations Engaged**  
▶ 4,643+

### Working Together to Save Lives

The Home Fire Campaign aims to save lives, reduce injuries and build more resilient communities through raising awareness, facilitating preventative actions, and fostering community participation. *The national goal is a 25% reduction in home fire deaths over the next five years.*

Hundreds of partner organizations are working together in local coalitions across the country to improve fire safety in their communities. Focused especially on supporting at-risk neighborhoods, these coalitions are carrying out numerous activities, including: free smoke alarm installation, youth education, and public awareness efforts to motivate individuals and families to take fire safety steps in their own homes.

The campaign has been truly lifesaving; since its launch in October 2014 at least 285 lives have been saved as a result of residents being alerted to a home fire by campaign-installed smoke alarms.

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### Campaign Goal and Cornerstones

**GOAL: 25% reduction in home fire deaths**

- Door-to-door installation of smoke alarms and completion of a fire safety checklist and escape plan in vulnerable neighborhoods
- Engagement of youth in classrooms and after school with technology, challenges, and science-based education
- Marketing and public relations campaign to motivate people to take action to save themselves, their families and their neighbors by checking smoke alarms and practicing home evacuations

### Get Involved

There are many ways you can participate with a local coalition and contribute to Home Fire Campaign efforts in your community. Some of these include:

 Volunteering	 Sharing information and expertise	 Spreading the message
 Providing material resources support	 Coordinating joint programs and activities	 Supporting or hosting events

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### Partner with the Red Cross

Join local coalition partners to save lives and improve home fire safety and preparedness your community!

- To contact your local Red Cross, call Morgan Sommers at 507-381-9448 or email [morgan.sommers@redcross.org](mailto:morgan.sommers@redcross.org)



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# Cooking Fire Safety



**Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Know how to prevent a kitchen fire and what to do if you have one.**

Clean cooking equipment after each use. Crumbs in a toaster or grease on the stove can catch on fire.



If you have a fire in your oven, turn it off. Let the contents cool before cleaning.



If you have a fire in your oven and the flames escape it, leave your home and call 911.



For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit  
[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).



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