Massachusetts Fires in 2014

28,989 Fires - Down 3% From 2013
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- 310 Civilian Injuries
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Structure Fires
- 17,395 Fires - Up 0.1%
- 45 Civilian Deaths
- 2 Fire Service Deaths
- 268 Civilian Injuries
- 397 Fire Service Injuries
- $208 Million in Property Damage
- 201 Arsons Reported

Motor Vehicle Fires
- 2,496 Fires - Down 4%
- 7 Civilian Deaths
- 9 Civilian Injuries
- 18 Fire Service Injuries
- $28 Million in Property Damage
- 66 Arsons Reported

Other Fires
- 9,098 Fires - Down 8%
- 2 Civilian Deaths
- 33 Civilian Injuries
- 35 Fire Service Injuries
- $5 Million in Property Damage
- 533 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year

Motor Vehicle Arson by Year

Structure arson increased by 3% and motor vehicle arson decreased 12% from 2013 to 2014. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 98.7%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional & age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes many "suspicious" and juvenile-set fires.
• 42 fatal fires killed 54 civilians - 27 men, 21 women and six people under 18.

• Two firefighters died in fire-related incidents.

• Twenty-eight percent (28%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).

• Fire deaths increased by 23% from the 44 deaths reported in 2013.

• Over three-quarters (78%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.

• In 2014, electrical fires were the leading cause of residential fire deaths; electrical fires caused eight or 36% of home fire deaths.

Test your smoke alarm and plan your escape! *Fire doesn’t wait!*