Massachusetts Fires in 2012

31,229 Fires - Up 7% From 2011
- 39 Civilian Deaths
- 0 Fire Service Deaths
- 322 Civilian Injuries
- 531 Fire Service Injuries
- $257 Million in Property Damage
- 1,135 Reported Arsons

3,191 Fires - Down 4%
- 29 Civilian Deaths
- 0 Fire Service Deaths
- 267 Civilian Injuries
- 471 Fire Service Injuries
- $237 Million in Property Damage
- 271 Arsons Reported

11,191 Fires - Up 40%
- 4 Civilian Deaths
- 38 Civilian Injuries
- 51 Fire Service Injuries
- $4.7 Million in Property Damage
- 750 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year

Motor Vehicle Arson by Year

Structure arson increased by 22% and motor vehicle arson decreased 8% from 2011 to 2012. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 98%. 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.
Massachusetts Fire Deaths in 2012

- 37 fatal fires killed 39 civilians - 21 men, 17 women and 1 person under 18.
- No firefighters died in fire-related incidents.
- Thirty-three percent (33%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).
- Fire deaths decreased by 28% from the 54 deaths reported in 2011.
- Almost 3/4 (74%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- For the second time since we started keeping records, smoking was not the leading cause of home fire deaths. In 2012, suicide was the leading cause with 5, or 17%, of residential fire deaths.

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

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