# Massachusetts Fires in 2013

## 29,828 Fires - Down 5% From 2012
- **44 Civilian Deaths**
- **0 Fire Service Deaths**
- **323 Civilian Injuries**
- **478 Fire Service Injuries**
- **$244 Million in Property Damage**
- **902 Reported Arsons**

## Other Fires
- **9,888 Fires - Down 12%**
- **6 Civilian Deaths**
- **24 Civilian Injuries**
- **46 Fire Service Injuries**
- **$5 Million in Property Damage**
- **632 Arsons Reported**

## Structure Fires
- **17,353 Fires - Down 1%**
- **28 Civilian Deaths**
- **0 Fire Service Deaths**
- **275 Civilian Injuries**
- **416 Fire Service Injuries**
- **$212 Million in Property Damage**
- **195 Arsons Reported**

## Motor Vehicle Fires
- **2,587 Fires - Up 3%**
- **10 Civilian Deaths**
- **24 Civilian Injuries**
- **16 Fire Service Injuries**
- **$27 Million in Property Damage**
- **75 Arsons Reported**

## Motor Vehicle Arson by Year

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Structure arson decreased by 31% and motor vehicle arson decreased 40% from 2012 to 2013. 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.
- 40 fatal fires killed 44 civilians - 23 men, 18 women and three people under 18.

- No firefighters died in fire-related incidents.

- Forty-three percent (43%) of fatal fire victims were older adults (over 65).

- Fire deaths increased by 13% from the 39 deaths reported in 2012.

- Over two-thirds (69%) of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.

- In 2013, cooking was the leading cause of residential fire deaths; cooking caused six or 22% of home fire deaths.

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