

## Fire Update

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For the week: ♦ SEPTEMBER 18, 2011 ♦ September 24, 2011  
4,265 total runs in 2011  
5,470 total runs in 2010

### Tip of the Month: Electrical Hazards

- ♦ Do not touch electrical devices when your hands are wet or when standing in water.
- ♦ If you feel a "zap" when touching an appliance, unplug it immediately and have it repaired.
- ♦ Replace any electrical cords that are cracked or frayed.
- ♦ Do not overload electrical outlets or extension cords and do not run extension cords under rugs.
- ♦ Do not mess with your fuse box or use improper sized fuses.
- ♦ Electrical work should be done by a licensed electrician and the work should meet local building codes and be inspected by local building officials.
- ♦ Keep halogen lights away from any flammable material and low ceiling areas. Do not leave halogen lights on when you leave your home.

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**Fires:** This week   4   Total for the year  80 

### THIS WEEKS FIRES :

We were dispatched to a van that had exploded on Harvard & 13 mile. Our arrival found a van completely involved in fire. All vehicle fires are extremely dangerous due to the number of pressurized vessels that can explode. Gas shocks and struts, seatbelt retentioners, airbags deployment systems, hatch lift struts, shock absorbing bumpers, tires, gas tanks etc. We are trained to approach vehicle fire from the corners and very carefully because all the safety features are extremely hazardous during a fire.

We also responded to a bus fire which involves a whole new set of concerns; Size, location, passengers, diesel fuel etc. Generally bus fires are located in the engine compartments and like all vehicle fires, they generate large volumes of smoke which can be seen from along ways away.

Lastly we had a home on 11 mile with a stove top fire and an electrical fire on w. 13 mile where an electrical outlet was arching. Anytime there is an unusual odor or arching of any kind always dial 911 and have us investigate. There have been numerous times residents felt uncomfortable to call us and we find fires in walls that could have prevented extreme damage if investigated as soon as the odor was first detected.

**EMS Runs:** This week:  73  Total for the year:  2844 

**Car Fires:** This week:   2  

**Hazardous Conditions:** This week:   1   Total for the Year:  298 

**Other Runs:** This week:  18  Total for the year:  1042

**Mutual Aid Responses:**

**Birmingham**

Mutual Aid Received   This week:   0       This year:   20  

Mutual Aid Given       This week:   0       This year:   2  

**Ferndale**

Mutual Aid Received   This week:   0            This Year:   16  

Mutual Aid Given        This week:   0       This Year:   32  

**Madison Hts.**

Mutual Aid Received   This week:   1       This Year:   20  

Mutual Aid Given        This week:   0       This Year:   19  

Automatic Aid Given   This week:   0       This Year:   1  

**Southfield**

Mutual Aid Received   This week:   0       This Year:   0  

Mutual Aid Given        This week:   0       This Year:   1  

**West Bloomfield**

Mutual Aid Received   This week:   0       This Year:   0  

Mutual Aid Given        This week:   0       This Year:   1