

Fire Update

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For the week: ♦ August 14, 2011 ♦ August 20, 2011

3,554 total runs in 2011

5,470 total runs in 2010

Fires: Fires this week 11 Total for the year 73

TIP OF THE MONTH : ♦♦♦ **Storage of Combustibles.**

- ♦ Gasoline and other flammables should be stored in tight metal containers outside of the home.
- ♦ Never store gasoline or other flammables in your basement.
- ♦ Do not use flammable liquids near any open flame or sparks.
- ♦ Never use gasoline on a barbecue.
- ♦ Sort and remove newspapers and rubbish from furnace or heater area.

A Day we will never forget !!!! Dream Cruise Day 2011 a one day record of 152 dispatched incidents.

- Two house fires
- Four garage fires
- Numerous wires down
- Record number of medicals due to the Dream Cruise attendance

When a storm of that magnitude moves through the city with such high winds, trees begin to lose branches thus causing a number of fallen wires. These wires fall on homes, garages and fence lines causing numerous fires throughout the city. What is the most frustrating concern on our behalf is we cannot extinguish any fire until D.T.E. de-energizes the structure. Applying water could cause a very hazardous situation by possibly electrocuting a firefighter.

* If you have a fence post touching aluminum siding on your home, this is very dangerous. We have had numerous house fires caused by a charged fence line arching the home thus causing a fire. Investigate to see if you need to address a situation like this at your home.

Aug. 15th on Gardenia Ave. - We were dispatched to a home filled with smoke. Our investigation found an oven mitten in the stove drawer burning.

Aug. 17th on E. Lincoln - We responded to a home at 3:00 am with flames coming from a second story window. A quick response time (4 minutes) and an aggressive attack, extinguished the fire preventing it from getting into the attic. The Homeowner states they left a candle unattended.

EMS: EMS runs this week 92 Total for the year 2381

Car Fires: Car fires this week 0

Hazardous Conditions: ♦ Conditions this week 70 Total for the Year 227

Other Runs: ♦ Other runs this week 67 Total for the year 872

Mutual Aid Responses:

Birmingham

Mutual Aid Received ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ This week 0 ♦♦♦♦ This year 14

Mutual Aid Given  This week 0  This year 1

Ferndale

Mutual Aid Received  This week 0  This Year 13

Mutual Aid Given  This week 0  This Year 28

Madison Hts.

Mutual Aid Received  This week 1  This Year 14

Mutual Aid Given  This week 0  This Year 18

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

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