

## Fire Update

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For the week: ♦ NOVEMBER 13, 2011 ♦ NOVEMBER 19, 2011

5,099 total runs in 2011

5,470 total runs in 2010

### TIP OF THE MONTH: ♦ PLAN A FIRE DRILL AND ESCAPE ROUTES

#### E.D.I.T.H = EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME

Prepare for a fire emergency by sitting down with your family and agreeing on an escape plan. A well prepared escape plan helps to avoid panic and may save your lives.

- ♦ Review and determine at least two unobstructed exits from every room in your house. Doors should be your primary exit and windows your next choice.
- ♦ Have each person practice opening doors and windows. Show children how to open door and window locks.
- ♦ Decide on a meeting place outside where everyone will meet, such as a neighbor's porch, tree or lamppost.

#### **Practice Makes Perfect**

##### **Practice your fire drill and escape routes**

- ♦ Have everyone lie in bed and wait for the drill.
- ♦ Begin the drill by pressing the smoke detector test button. For more realism, continue to sound the alarm until everyone is outside.
- ♦ Practice yelling "Fire!" to help alert others in the home.
- ♦ Roll out of bed and stay low to the floor.
- ♦ Each person should crawl to your primary exit of that room. If it is blocked by smoke or fire, use your other designated exit.
- ♦ Feel any closed door with the back of your hand before opening it. If it is hot, do not open it, use your other exit.
- ♦ Make sure everyone goes to the meeting place.
- ♦ Assign someone at the meeting place to be the one to go to a neighbor's home to call 911.
- ♦ Never go back into a burning building! Get out, Stay out, and Stay alive!

**\*\*\* If you didn't CHANGE YOUR DETECTOR BATTERIES on Daylight Savings Time weekend, it's never too late ♦ A \$2:00 battery can be the difference between LIFE AND DEATH !!!**

**Fires:** This week: 2 ♦ ♦ ♦ Total for the year: ♦ 90

**We were dispatched to a car fire. Our arrival found a car sitting on a pile of leaves. There was severe damage to the vehicle.**

**We also were dispatched to an apartment filled with smoke. Our investigation found the wall surrounding a wall heater with heavy charring. We were able to extinguish the fire quickly before substantial damage was done to the building.**

### Fall & Winter Fire Hazards

- Never ♦ park on a pile of leaves
- Allow 3 ft. of space around furnaces and hot water heaters
- Get your chimney cleaned and inspected regularly
- Don't overload electrical outlets
- Never let your Christmas Tree get thirsty

- Be very careful using supplemental heating devices
- Never leave a Turkey fryer unattended
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home
- Never use an extension cord with a portable electric heater
- Never leave your home with the clothes dryer running

**EMS Runs:** This week: 72 Total for the year: 3,418

**Car Fires:** This week: 1

**Hazardous Conditions:** This week: 5 Total for the Year: 337

**Other Runs:** This week: 40 Total for the year: 1,252

**Mutual Aid Responses:**

**Birmingham**

Mutual Aid Received This week: 0 This year: 22

Mutual Aid Given This week: 0 This year: 3

**Ferndale**

Mutual Aid Received This week: 0 This Year: 17

Mutual Aid Given This week: 1 This Year: 39

**Madison Hts.**

Mutual Aid Received This week: 1 This Year: 22

Mutual Aid Given This week: 0 This Year: 23

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

**Hazel Park**

Mutual Given This week: 0 This year: 1