

Fire Update

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For the week: ♦ November 20, 2011 ♦ November 26, 2011

5,214 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 ITS NEVER TOO LATE ♦ A \$2:00 BATTERY CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH !!!**

Fires: This week 3 Total for the year 93

This week we responded to a Vehicle Fire, a Stove Fire on Thanksgiving Day and a Mutual Aid Fire in Madison Heights.

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 75 Total for the year 3,493

Car Fires: This week 1

Hazardous Conditions: This week 2 Total for the Year 339

Other Runs: This week 35 Total for the year 1,288

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 40

Madison Hts.

Mutual Aid Received This week 0 This Year 22

Mutual Aid Given This week 2 This Year 25

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