

Fire Update

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For the week: ♦ OCTOBER 2, 2011 ♦ OCTOBER 8, 2011
4,450 total runs in 2011
5,470 total runs in 2010

TIP OF THE MONTH : ♦ **Install Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors / Alarms**

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide DETECTORS can alert you to danger in your home in time for you to escape, even if you are sleeping. To wake up and survive a nighttime fire, you must have **working** detectors!

You should install detectors in the following areas:

- ♦ Detectors outside each sleeping area (a common hallway, for example).
- ♦ Detectors on each level of your home if more than one story, including the basement.
- ♦ An additional detector in each bedroom, as you should sleep with your door closed.

Placement of detectors is very important. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and use these guidelines to help you.

- ♦ Mount on the ceiling at least six inches from the wall or on a wall between six and twelve inches from the ceiling, but keep detectors about six inches away from the corner where the ceiling and wall meet (the corner is a "dead air space" where the detector won't be in the path of smoke travel).
- ♦ For high pitched or "cathedral" ceilings, mount the detectors three feet from the highest point.
- ♦ Avoid placement in the path of ceiling fans, air conditioning or heater vents.
- ♦ Make certain smoke detectors are UL listed.
- ♦ Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years.
- ♦ When replacing smoke detectors, replace them with a lithium battery smoke detector. (a lithium battery will last the life of the detector.)

Test detectors once a month, following the manufacturer's directions, and replace batteries once a year, or whenever a detector "chirps" or "beeps" to signal low battery power. A good time to replace your smoke detector batteries is when you reset your clocks for daylight savings time. Never "borrow" a detector's battery for another use - a disabled detector can't save your life.

Make sure children know what an alarm is. Children must know:

- ♦ Alarms warn them of danger.
- ♦ Get out of the house immediately when they hear the sound of the alarm.
- ♦ Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are not toys and should not be played with.

Show your child how important these dangers are by testing your alarms every month.

Fires: ♦ This week: 1 ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ Total for the year: 81

♦ ♦ ♦ This week we responded to a fully involved dumpster fire on W 13 Mile Rd.

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EMS Runs: ♦ This week: 78 ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ Total for the year: 2,988

Car Fires: ♦ This week: 0

Hazardous Conditions: ♦ This week: 4 ♦ ♦ ♦ Total for the Year: 306

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Other Runs: ♦ This week: 19 ♦ ♦ Total for the year: 1,074

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Mutual Aid Responses:

Birmingham

Mutual Aid Received  This week: 0  This year: 20

Mutual Aid Given  This week: 1  This year: 3

Ferndale

Mutual Aid Received  This week: 0  This Year: 16

Mutual Aid Given  This week: 2  This Year: 34

Madison Hts.

Mutual Aid Received  This week: 1  This Year: 21

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