

2015 Fire and Arson Investigation



Fire investigation

Successful investigations come from a result of teamwork between Investigators, Firefighters, Police, Prosecutors, Insurance Companies, members of the community and other agencies. The Minneapolis Fire Investigators work in concert with the Minneapolis Police Arson Investigation Unit to identify, collect, analyze, preserve, and report detailed fire experience data through on-site investigations of technical or educational significance. Reports may take the form of full reports, preliminary/summary reports; alert bulletins; or journal articles. Areas documented during the course of the investigations include details of fire ignition, growth, and development; contributions of building construction, interior finish and furnishings; fire detection and suppression scenarios; performance of structures exposed to the fire; smoke movement and control; human reaction (response) and evacuation; fire fighting and rescue; fire propagation as a function of human reaction time; and the extent of life loss, injury and property damage.



	Fires Investigated	Arson Fires	% Arson Fires
January	34	8	24%
February	25	5	20%
March	43	14	33%
April	34	11	32%
May	30	13	43%
June	22	8	36%
July	37	13	35%
August	35	7	20%
September	37	12	32%
October	28	8	29%
November	20	8	40%
December	18	2	11%
Total	363	109	30%
Accidental	133		37%
Arson	109		30%
Undetermined	121		33%

