

West Virginia: Fires at a Glance

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010



Did you know?

- **In FY 2010, West Virginia's fire departments reported a total of 8,470 fires throughout the state, including:**
 - 3,790 structure fires (including 3,151 residential)
 - 1,452 vehicle fires (passenger, RV's, off-road, heavy equipment, etc.)
 - 2,586 outdoor fires
- **Leading causes of fires:**
 - Cooking
 - Heating
 - Incendiary (Arson)
 - Open flames/embers
 - Electrical distribution and appliances
- Most fires occurred between noon and 10:00 p.m.
- Most fires occurred in November and April.
- **Total estimated loss from fire: \$113,458,389**
- **Smoke alarms in residential fires:**
 - Alarms present in only 28% of residential fires
 - No alarms present in 30% of residential fires
 - Undetermined alarm presence in 42% of residential fires
- **Smoke alarm operation in residential fires:**
 - Alarms operated properly in almost 62% of the fires where smoke alarms were present.
 - Alarms failed to operate in almost 15% of the residential fires where they were present.

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