

FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION

During Calendar Year 2007, there were 2503 actual fires reported. Of the 672 structure fires reported, 440 of them occurred in dwellings. There were 322 vehicle fires. The total fire loss reported in Montgomery County for CY 2007 was \$33,177,242. This is a decrease of 23.66% over calendar year 2006. Structure fires accounted for \$29,979,466 of the loss and vehicle fires accounted for \$2,518,925 of the loss. In addition, there were 1112 vegetation and outside fire which had a fire loss of \$327,831.

There were 13 civilian fatalities during Calendar Year 2007. Eleven of the fatalities occurred at the area of fire origin; two of the fatalities occurred in building, but not in area of origin. There were no fatalities of fire service personnel during Calendar Year 2007.

There were 47 civilians who suffered fire-related injuries during Calendar Year 2007. According to the civilian casualty reports, only 5 of the civilian casualties were asleep at the time of injury. Most of the civilian casualties were awake and unimpaired at the time of injury. Over one-third of the injuries occurred to civilians who were attempting to control the fire. Eighty-five percent of the injured suffered burns and/or smoke inhalation. The ages of the civilian casualties ranged from 0 to 81. Thirteen of the injured were less than 20 years of age and twelve of the injured were over 65 years of age.

According to the casualty reports, there were 48 fire personnel who suffered fire-related injuries during Calendar Year 2007. Twenty-seven percent of the injured suffered burns. And sixty-three percent were classified as 'minor', 'cuts', 'sprains' and other injuries.