

FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION

During the Calendar Year 2008, there were 1,976 actual fires reported. Of the 653 structure fires reported, 435 of them occurred in dwellings. There were 306 vehicle fires. The total fire loss reported in Montgomery County for CY 2008 was \$42,480,514. This is an increase of 28% over calendar year 2007. Structure fires accounted for \$39,328,330 of the loss and vehicle fires accounted for \$2,425,001 of the loss. In addition, there were 695 vegetation and outside fire which had a fire loss of \$491,596.

There were 10 civilian fatalities during Calendar Year 2008. Nine of the fatalities occurred at the area of fire origin; one of the fatalities occurred in the building, but not in area of origin. There were no fatalities of fire service personnel during Calendar Year 2008.

There were 44 civilians who suffered fire-related injuries during Calendar Year 2008. Civilian Casualty reports were filed for 42 of the civilian casualties. According to the civilian casualty reports that were filed, only 7 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. Ninety percent of the injured suffered burns and/or smoke inhalation. The ages of the civilian casualties ranged from 0 to 92 years. Nine of the injured were less than 20 years of age and seven of the injured were over 65 years of age.

There were 32 firefighters who suffered fire-related injuries during Calendar Year 2008. Fire Service Casualty reports were only filed for 29 of the fire personnel casualties. According to the Fire Service Casualty reports that were filed, nine of the injured suffered burns; ten of the fire casualties were classified as 'strain or sprain'. Of the remaining casualties, three were classified as 'cuts', one was classified as 'dislocation', and the rest were variously classified as 'fracture', 'pain only' and 'other'.