

According to the United States Fire Administration's webpage on Prevention & Mitigation Strategies, The week of May 5th -11th will be used to educate and inform the public on strategies to reduce the number of arsons committed in our neighborhoods. Based on collected data, the USFA estimates that over 16,000 fires are set intentionally each year. These arsons not only have the effect of damaging property, but also are to blame for the corresponding almost 300 average deaths, and over 700 average injuries. National data suggests that over three quarters of intentionally set fires occur in residential, one or two family dwellings.



It is important to note that of the residential homes set ablaze, forty percent of them were uninhabited, or vacant at the time of the fire. If there are abandoned, or currently vacant properties near your home, or building, it could be an invitation for arson. The National Fire Protection Association also reports that most intentionally set fires are started between the hours of 3pm and Midnight. Be aware of the activity in your neighborhood –increased awareness makes our communities a safer place.