Fire Update
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For the week: ◆ SEPTEMBER 18, 2011 ◆ September 24, 2011
4,265 total runs in 2011
5,470 total runs in 2010

Tip of the Month: Electrical Hazards
◆ Do not touch electrical devices when your hands are wet or when standing in water.
◆ If you feel a "zap" when touching an appliance, unplug it immediately and have it repaired.
◆ Replace any electrical cords that are cracked or frayed.
◆ Do not overload electrical outlets or extension cords and do not run extension cords under rugs.
◆ Do not mess with your fuse box or use improper sized fuses.
◆ Electrical work should be done by a licensed electrician and the work should meet local building codes and
   be inspected by local building officials.
◆ Keep halogen lights away from any flammable material and low ceiling areas. Do not leave halogen lights
   on when you leave your home.


Fires: This week ___ 4___ Total for the year ___ 80___

THIS WEEKS FIRES:
We were dispatched to a van that had exploded on Harvard & 13 mile. Our arrival found a van completely
involved in fire. All vehicle fires are extremely dangerous due to the number of pressurized vessels that can
explode. Gas shocks and struts, seatbelt retentioners, airbags deployment systems, hatch lift struts, shock
absorbing bumpers, tires, gas tanks etc. We are trained to approach vehicle fire from the corners and very
carefully because all the safety features are extremely hazardous during a fire.

We also responded to a bus fire which involves a whole new set of concerns; Size, location, passengers, diesel
fuel etc. Generally bus fires are located in the engine compartments and like all vehicle fires, they generate
large volumes of smoke which can be seen from along ways away.

Lastly we had a home on 11 mile with a stove top fire and an electrical fire on w. 13 mile where an electrical
outlet was arching. Anytime there is an unusual odor or arching of any kind always dial 911 and have us
investigate. There have been numerous times residents felt uncomfortable to call us and we find fires in walls
that could have prevented extreme damage if investigated as soon as the odor was first detected.

EMS Runs: This week: ___ 73___ Total for the year: ___ 2844___

Car Fires: This week: ___ 2___

Hazardous Conditions: This week: ___ 1___ Total for the Year: ___ 298___

Other Runs: This week: ___ 18___ Total for the year: ___ 1042___


**Mutual Aid Responses:**

**Birmingham**

Mutual Aid Received

This week: 0
This year: 20

Mutual Aid Given

This week: 0
This year: 2

**Ferndale**

Mutual Aid Received

This week: 0
This Year: 16

Mutual Aid Given

This week: 0
This Year: 32

**Madison Hts.**

Mutual Aid Received

This week: 1
This Year: 20

Mutual Aid Given

This week: 0
This Year: 19

Automatic Aid Given

This week: 0
This Year: 1

**Southfield**

Mutual Aid Received

This week: 0
This Year: 0

Mutual Aid Given

This week: 0
This Year: 1

**West Bloomfield**

Mutual Aid Received

This week: 0
This Year: 0

Mutual Aid Given

This week: 0
This Year: 1