



# 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



# ALABAMA STATE FIRE MARSHAL



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## Introduction

The 2008 Annual Report of the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office is submitted by State Fire Marshal Edward Paulk in compliance with Section 36-19-26, Code of Alabama, 1975.

The State Fire Marshal's Office ended 2008 with a staff of 22 Deputy State Fire Marshals, down one position with the retirement of Deputy Marshal Matson in November 2008. Deputy State Fire Marshal's are law enforcement officers. The State Fire Marshal's Office conducts investigations to determine the origin and cause of fires and explosions, criminal investigations of those cases determined to be arson, inspections of structures for compliance with the building and fire codes adopted by the state and regulatory functions in the licensure of the fire sprinkler industry, the fireworks industry, and the blasting industry.

2008 was a year of transition, from the growth our economy enjoyed over the past years, into the current economic downturn. With this transition, we noticed an increase in the number of fire investigations during the last quarter of the year. We ended the year with a six percent (6%) increase in the number of fire investigations, for a total of 958 investigations. Investigations conducted resulted in 168 criminal charges being brought against defendants including the crimes of Capital Murder and Arson.

The increase in fire investigations noticed at the end of 2008 is due in part to the economy, as we are seeing an increase in the crime of arson because of the economic motive. This trend is troubling and we will continue to examine the data, looking for ways to combat the financially motivated fires.

2008 was a year of encouragement as the number of fire fatalities in the State equaled a ten year low of 73. A review of the year did not yield an explanation for the decrease we enjoyed. We are continuing to study the statistics of recent years in an effort to understand any relationship in weather, behavior, construction or other factors that might show a causal relationship to the number of fire fatalities in a given year.

Inspections conducted during 2008 totaled one thousand six hundred twenty-three inspections (1,623). Inspections found conditions in thirteen of these cases to be severe, especially liable to fire and endangered lives and property and required the issuance of Fire Marshal Orders to close the facilities until the conditions could be brought into code compliance. Nine of the cases were assembly occupancies (Charity Bingo Halls), one was a residential care facility, two were residential occupancies (apartments) and one was a detention facility. All of the facilities were brought into compliance with the exception of the detention facility, which was permanently closed. Our inspection efforts have focused on education and assembly occupancies in an effort to impact facilities where numbers of people gather.

We are continuing to strengthen and increase the partnerships we began to form in 2006. These partnerships began with other state departments and agencies and now include federal and local agencies and associations. We are attempting to maximize our efforts through these partnerships and thereby increase our presence without the cost of adding many additional employees to our staff.

2009 will be a year to challenge our inspection and education capabilities, as we will be faced with the prospect of maintaining facilities for use that were scheduled for replacement. This will require that we work hard to maintain these buildings and their required fire systems to provide a safe environment for citizens to work, play and live. We will look to life safety education efforts to help change the behavior of people, to eliminate hazards that our bad habits create.

We look to 2009 as we continue to improve our response to the needs of our State.

## Who We Are . . .

The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is a division of the Alabama Department of Insurance. The department is under the leadership of Insurance Commissioner Jim Ridling. Commissioner Ridling provides the resources for the SFMO to accomplish the goals and perform the duties and responsibilities of the office. A portion of the funding for the SFMO is provided through monies generated by permits issued by the office.

The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office was established in 1917. In 1919, the first legislative act regarding the authority, duties and responsibilities of the office was adopted and signed into law. In 1953, the State Fire Marshal's Office became a division of the Alabama Department of Insurance. Title 36 Chapter 19 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 provides the authority and prescribes the duties of the office of the State Fire Marshal and his deputies. The Fire Marshal, Assistant and Deputies are state police officers and carry general police powers statewide.

The Alabama State Fire Marshal's office consists of State Fire Edward Paulk, Assistant State Fire Scott Pilgreen and 22 deputies with a combined total of 155 years of experience. The deputies are located in field offices throughout the state and are responsible for investigations and inspections in their respective districts. The headquarters in Montgomery is staffed by the State Fire Marshal, Assistant State Fire Marshal and four administrative support personnel.

The SFMO conducts inspections of buildings and properties to ensure the buildings are safe for occupancy for their intended use, and provides for adequate exits in the event of fire, disaster or other emergencies. The SFMO adopts and enforces various Building, Life Safety and Fire Prevention Codes. The State Fire Marshal is charged with the promulgation and enforcement of regulations pertaining to building construction and fire safety for the citizens of Alabama.

The State Fire Marshal's Office regulates and permits the sale fireworks, fire sprinkler contractors and installers, blasting contractors and blasters.

The SFMO investigates fires, explosions and any related crimes. Assistance is provided to fire departments and other law enforcement agencies in the prevention of arson and explosions, and provides support to the courts for prosecution of cases made by its personnel. The office provides training for the public, courts, fire and law enforcement departments in fire prevention, fire investigation, detection of arson, and education for the interpretation of fire and building codes and life safety regulations.

## Our Mission . . .

The mission of the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office is to provide inspection services, to conduct investigations of fires and explosions, to prevent the commission of arson and related crimes, to protect lives and property from fires and explosions and to provide visitors and citizens of the state a safe environment in which to live, work and play.





State Fire Marshal Edward Paulk



Assistant State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen



Left to Right: Carolyn Lee, Vicki Parker, Alesha Womble, and Angela Slade

# Smoke Alarms Save Lives

## Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative

The Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative (ASAI) is a collaborative project of the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama State Fire Marshal. Operating funds are provided through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This program was initiated in October 2001 and Deputy State Fire Marshal Jebb Harrison is currently assigned to this program.

The ASAI has worked with twenty-seven (27) fire departments in sixteen (16) counties from October 2001 through September 2008. These fire departments and counties are Livingston and York Fire Departments in Sumter County, Brent VFD in Bibb County, Notasulga and Tuskegee Fire Departments in Macon County, Thompson Cornerstone and Warrior Stand VFDs in Bullock County, Clayton VFDs in Barbour County, Dollarhide VFDs in Greene County, Brundidge and Corinth VFDs in Pike County, Forest Home, Providence and Mt. Pisgah VFDs in Butler County, Newell and Wedowee VFDs in Randolph County, Bullock and Dozier VFDs in Crenshaw County, Kellyton VFD in Coosa County, Leroy and Yarbo VFDs in Washington County, Fayette and Boley VFDs in Fayette, Moundville VFD in Hale, Frisco City VFD in Monroe and Brewton, East Brewton and Wawbeek Fire Departments in Escambia County. These departments have reached 7,596 families with fire safety messages, 6,719 smoke alarms have been installed and 63 lives have been saved.

Since the initiation of the program, an average of 53% of the homes visited had a smoke alarm in the home and 37% of the homes with a smoke alarm had at least one smoke alarm that was working.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is looking forward to participating in the ASAI program until all homes in Alabama have been provided with working smoke alarms.



# Alabama Fire Incident Reporting System (AFIRS)

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 authorizes the National Fire Data Center in the United States Fire Administration (USFA), an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to gather and analyze information on the magnitude of the Nation's fire problem, as well as its detailed characteristics and trends. The Act further authorizes the USFA to develop uniform data reporting methods, and to encourage and assist state agencies in developing and reporting data. In order to carry out the intention of this Act, the National Fire Data Center has established the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).

The State of Alabama, recognizing the importance and benefits of reliable statistical data, is encouraging fire departments to submit data to AFIRS. AFIRS is Alabama's segment of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. Currently, four hundred fifty-two (452) fire departments out of the 1,041 departments have activated the electronic reporting account to the system. Four hundred twenty-three (423) departments have actually submitted data to the system in 2008. Alabama is one-third of the way towards having timely, factual data on which many decisions can be made. In support of AFIRS, the State Fire Marshal's Office administers the creation of the reporting accounts for departments, provides software for the electronic reporting and provides support services. Twenty-five (25) training sessions with county fire associations have been conducted around the state, which provided information and assistance to all interested departments in the area. Assistance is provided to any department who asks for help. Assistance is first attempted over the telephone; however, for more difficult problems, site visits are not uncommon. The software necessary for reporting is supplied to departments on a CD, which is computer generated in the Fire Marshal's Office; one hundred fifty (150) copies of software were provided to departments in 2008. Many departments now have high-speed internet connections and can download the software and updates to the software, reducing the number of copies provided by this office.

In addition, the State Fire Marshal's Office received a Specials Needs Federal Grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to provide smoke alarms and educational materials to the hearing and sight impaired. To date over 700 smoke alarms have been purchased and distributed. The alarms are electric with battery backup and equipped with strobes. Educational materials were provided in normal and Braille print. This office, the Alabama Department of Public Health, and the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services administered this program.

# K-9 Accelerant Detection Handlers

During the late 1980s and early 1990s the State Fire Marshal's Office began training Deputy State Fire Marshals to be K-9 accelerant detection handlers. Presently, there are three K-9 teams located throughout the state. These teams respond as needed to assist our division and other police departments and fire departments in locating trace amounts of hydrocarbon residue at fire scenes. The teams also provide another service to the citizens of the State of Alabama by conducting demonstrations of controlled searches at schools and civic groups. This is done throughout the year to assist with Fire Prevention Awareness. These teams are a very valuable asset to this division and to the Department of Insurance.



Deputy Mike Haynes and K-9 Petro



Deputy Mike Talley and K-9 Maggie



Deputy Jebb Harrison and K-9 Bako

# Home Fire Prevention Tips



**Fires can be prevented from starting if you take some simple precautions. Here are some important safety measures to remember . . .**

## **To Prevent Chimney Fires:**

- ✦ Have your chimney cleaned annually; preferably prior to its use in the fall and winter months.

## **To Prevent Kitchen Fires:**

- ✦ Stay in the room when cooking on the stove. If you need to leave the kitchen while cooking, turn off all stove burners before leaving the room.
- ✦ When cooking in a microwave, use only those utensils and items approved for use in a microwave.
- ✦ Do not use the oven to provide heat for your home.

## **To Prevent Laundry Room Fires:**

- ✦ If you have a dryer or washing machine that trips an electrical breaker frequently, an underlying wiring problem could be the cause. Have the wiring checked by a properly licensed electrician.
- ✦ Clean all dryer/lint filters as needed; vacuum around dryers to eliminate accumulation of lint.

## **To Prevent Living Room Fires:**

- ✦ Beware of plugging multiple electrical appliances into one surge protector and **NEVER** overload electrical outlets.
- ✦ Keep space heaters and halogen lamps away from flammable and combustible materials.
- ✦ Never leave a lit candle unattended.
- ✦ Remember that extension cords are for temporary use only and are not meant to replace permanent wiring, **NEVER** cover an extension cord with carpet, rugs or other material.

## **To Prevent Bedroom Fires:**

- ✦ **DO NOT** smoke in bed.
- ✦ Keep all matches and lighters out of the hands of children.
- ✦ Keep combustible material away from space heaters.

**Remember, fire safety begins at home and fire prevention begins with a plan. Practice fire escape drills at home and have a meeting place outside away from the home in the event of an evacuation.**

**Remember to have properly functioning smoke alarms throughout your home. Check your smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least twice annually.**

# IMPORTANT FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS



Watch and enjoy fireworks from a safe distance.

*Never* shoot fireworks towards people or buildings.

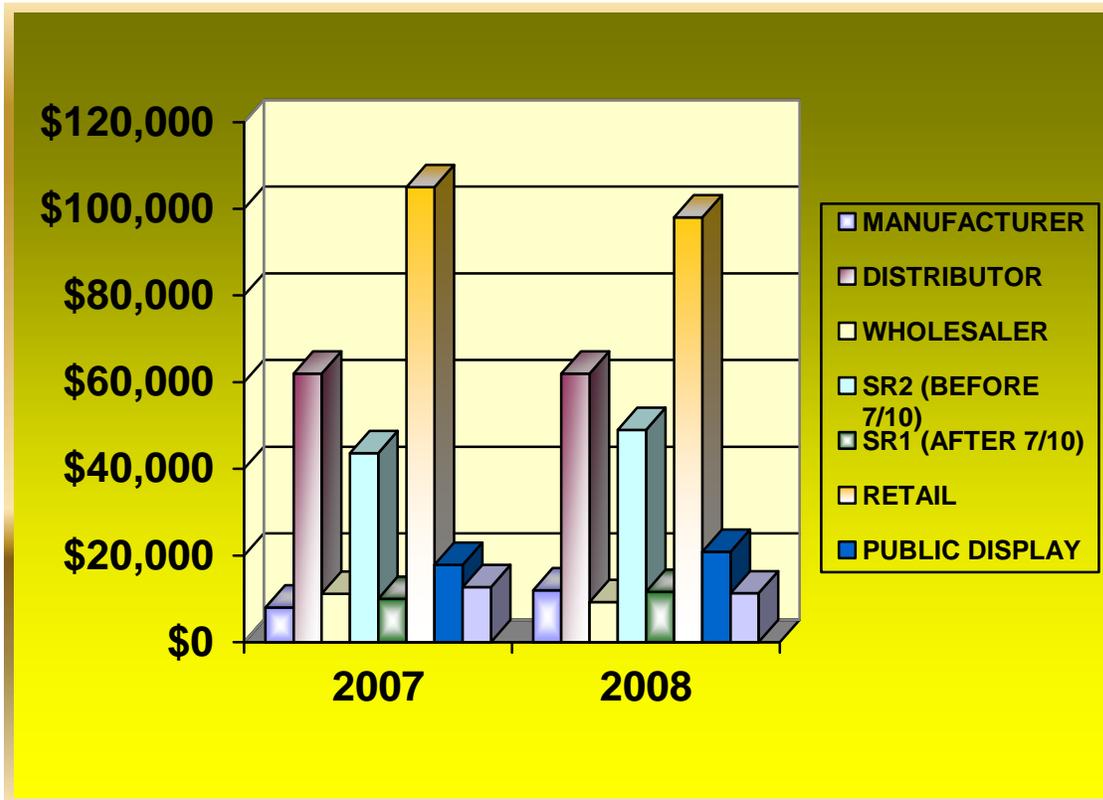
*Never* shoot fireworks from your hands or body parts.

*Never* shoot fireworks from or toward a motor vehicle.

*Never* let children play with fireworks.

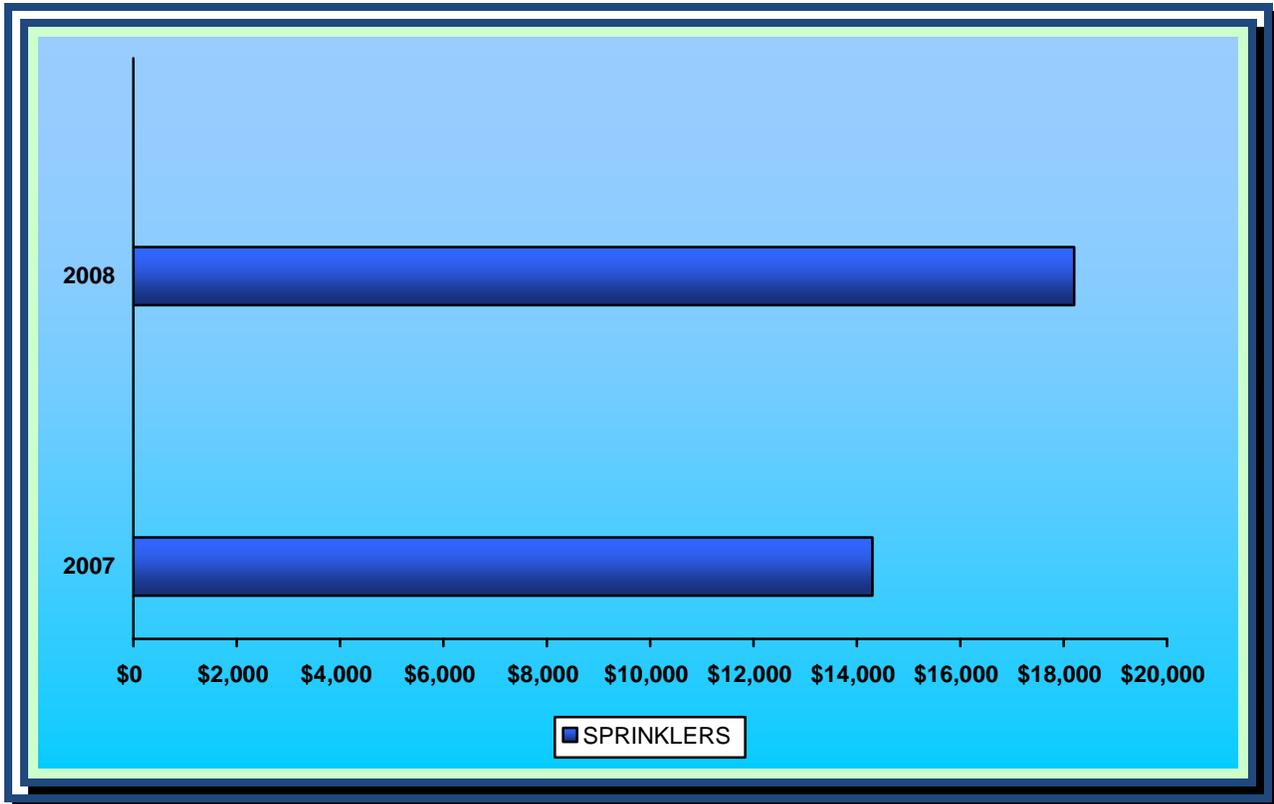
Always have a responsible adult present when shooting fireworks.

# FIREWORKS STATISTICS



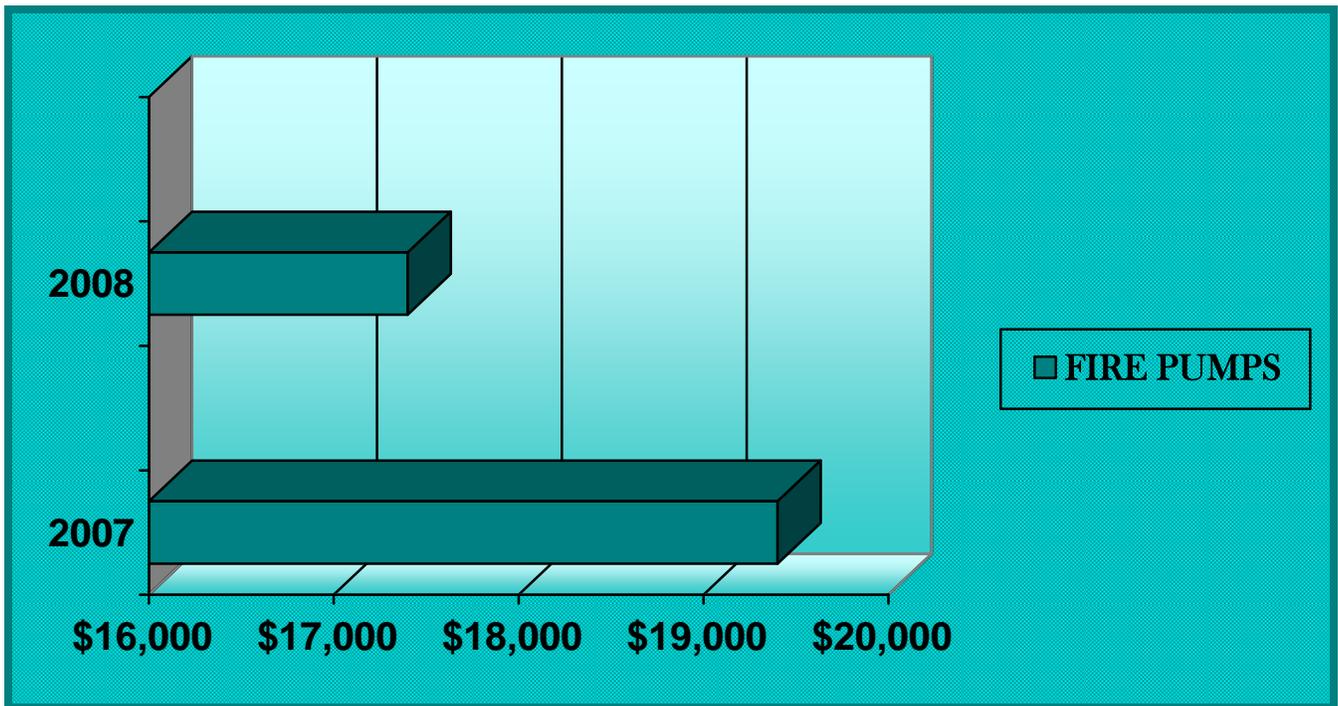
<u>MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2007</u>		<u>MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2008</u>	
DISTRIBUTOR	\$62,000.	DISTRIBUTOR	\$62,000.
MANUFACTURER	\$ 8,000.	MANUFACTURER	\$12,000.
WHOLESALER	\$11,200.	WHOLESALER	\$ 9,300.
SEASONAL RETAILER - SR2 BEFORE 7/10	\$43,600.	SEASONAL RETAILER - SR2 BEFORE 7/10	\$49,000.
SEASONAL RETAILER - SR1 AFTER 7/10	\$10,000.	SEASONAL RETAILER - SR1 AFTER 7/10	\$11,600.
RETAIL	\$105,000.	RETAIL	\$98,000.
PUBLIC DISPLAY	\$17,900.	PUBLIC DISPLAY	\$20,850.
CLOSE PROXIMITY	\$12,700.	CLOSE PROXIMITY	\$11,300.
TOTALS	\$270,400.	TOTALS	\$274,050.
PERMITS ISSUED	1,364	PERMITS ISSUED	1,379
INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED	993	INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED	1,059

# SPRINKLER STATISTICS



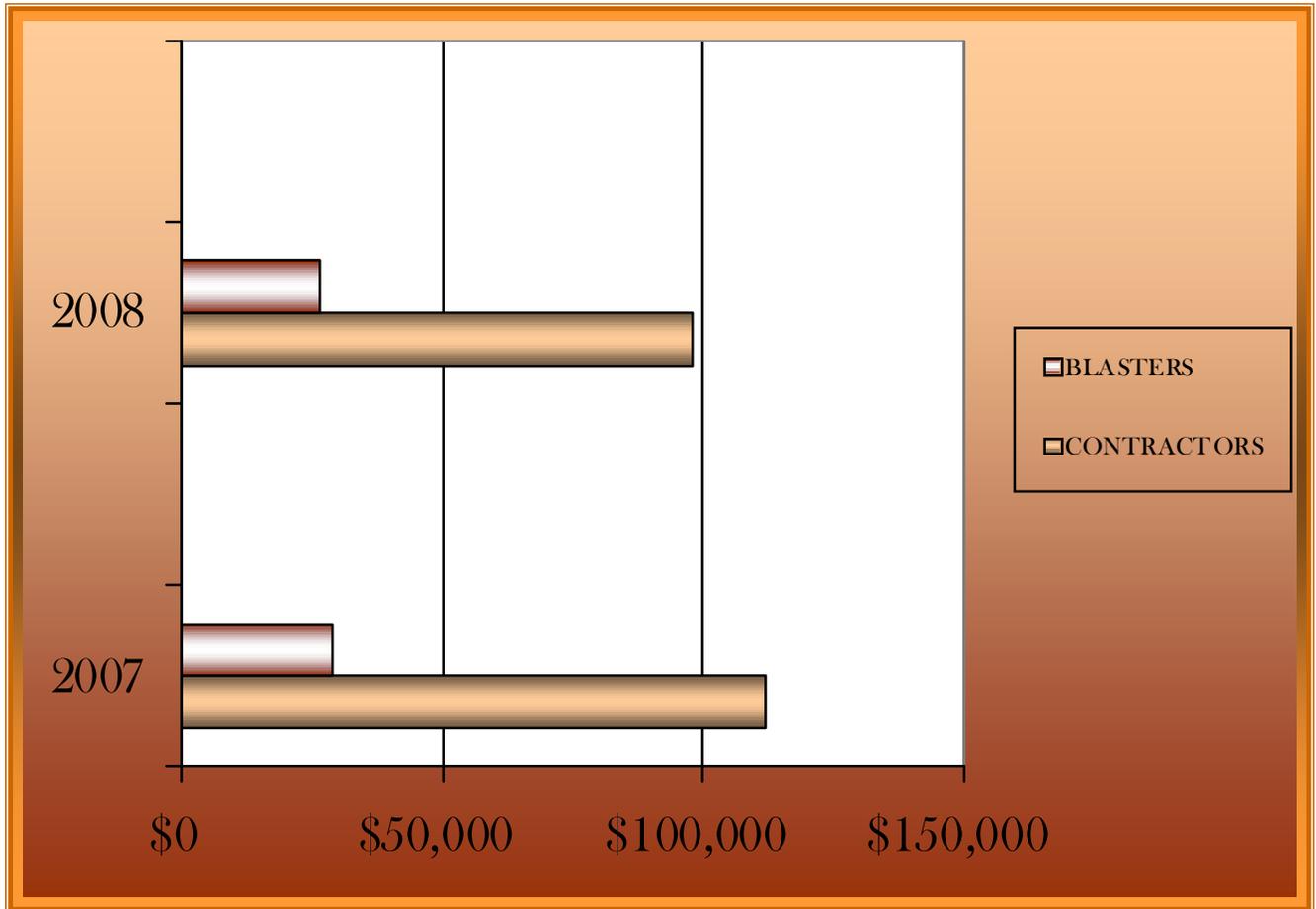
MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2007		MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2008	
SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS	\$14,300.	SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS	\$18,200.
PERMITS ISSUED	119	PERMITS ISSUED	149

# FIRE PUMP STATISTICS



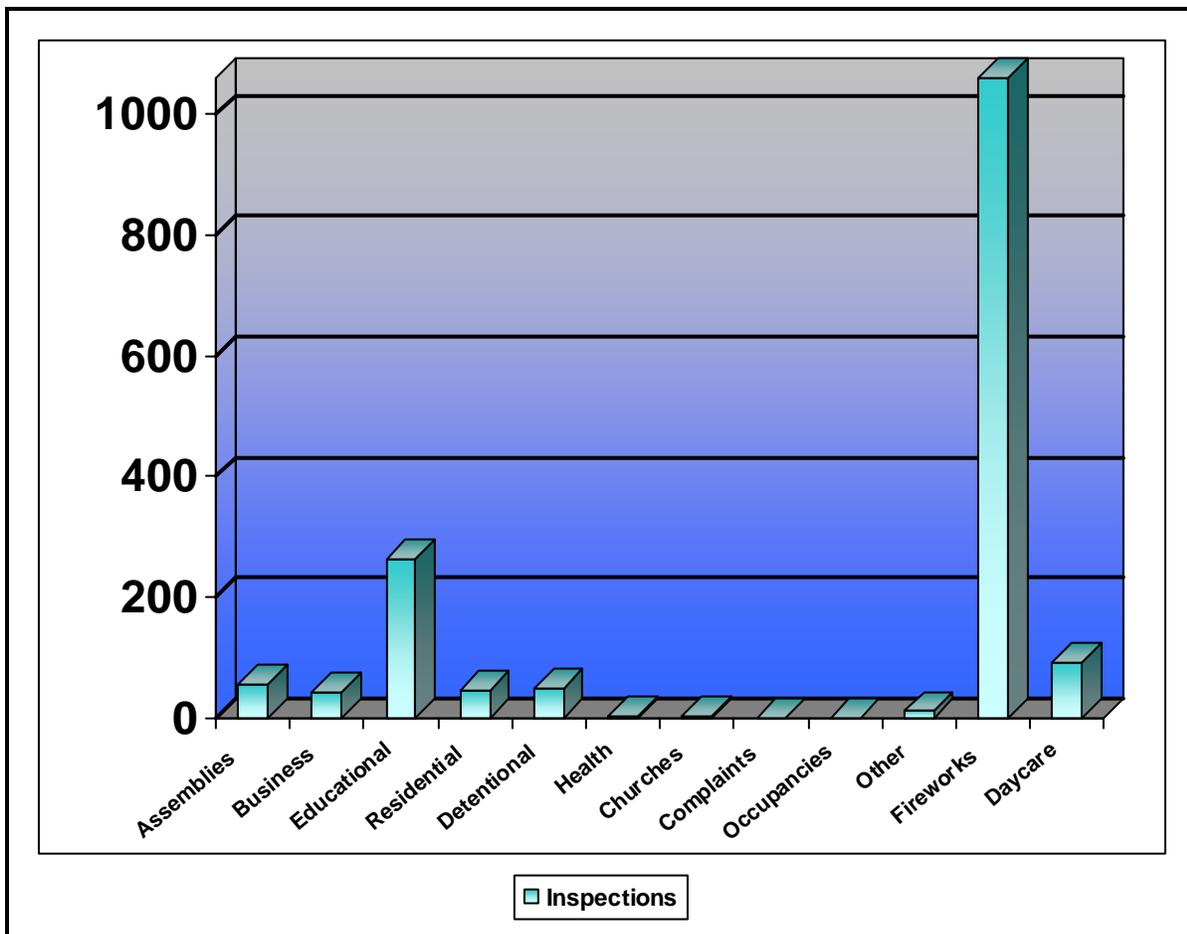
MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2007		MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2008	
FIRE PUMPS	\$19,400.	FIRE PUMPS	\$17,400.
PERMITS ISSUED	194	PERMITS ISSUED	174

# CONTRACTORS & BLASTERS STATISTICS



<u>MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2007</u>		<u>MONIES COLLECTED FOR 2008</u>	
CONTRACTORS	\$112,000	CONTRACTORS	\$98,000
BLASTERS	\$29,000	BLASTERS	\$26,600
TOTALS	\$141,000	TOTALS	\$124,600
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	346	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	315

# Inspections



<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>INSPECTIONS</b>
Assembly	56
Business	42
Educational	263
Residential	46
Detentional	49
Health	3
Church	2
Complaints	0
Occupancy	0
Other	11
Fireworks	1,060
Daycare	91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,623</b>

# Inspections by County

AUTAUGA	8	JACKSON	6
BALDWIN	20	JEFFERSON	27
BARBOUR	2	LAMAR	2
BIBB	7	LAUDERDALE	13
BLOUNT	4	LAWRENCE	6
BULLOCK	6	LEE	11
BUTLER	8	LIMESTONE	7
CALHOUN	19	LOWNDES	7
CHAMBERS	12	MACON	1
CHEROKEE	1	MADISON	10
CHILTON	9	MARENGO	3
CHOCTAW	3	MARION	3
CLARKE	5	MARSHALL	10
CLAY	4	MOBILE	26
CLEBURNE	2	MONROE	2
COFFEE	14	MONTGOMERY	10
COLBERT	7	MORGAN	16
CONECUH	3	PERRY	8
COOSA	-	PICKENS	7
COVINGTON	11	PIKE	6
CRENSHAW	5	RANDOLPH	7
CULLMAN	13	RUSSELL	6
DALE	15	SHELBY	8
DALLAS	11	ST. CLAIR	4
DEKALB	4	SUMTER	1
ELMORE	9	TALLADEGA	11
ESCAMBIA	2	TALLAPOOSA	18
ETOWAH	8	TUSCALOOSA	12
FAYETTE	-	WALKER	57
FRANKLIN	5	WASHINGTON	2
GENEVA	11	WILCOX	-
GREENE	-	WINSTON	8
HALE	4		
HENRY	5		
HOUSTON	11	TOTAL	563

# Fireworks Inspections by County

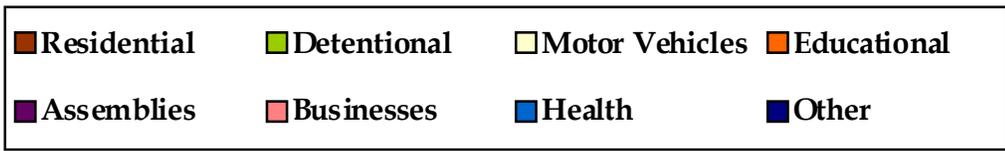
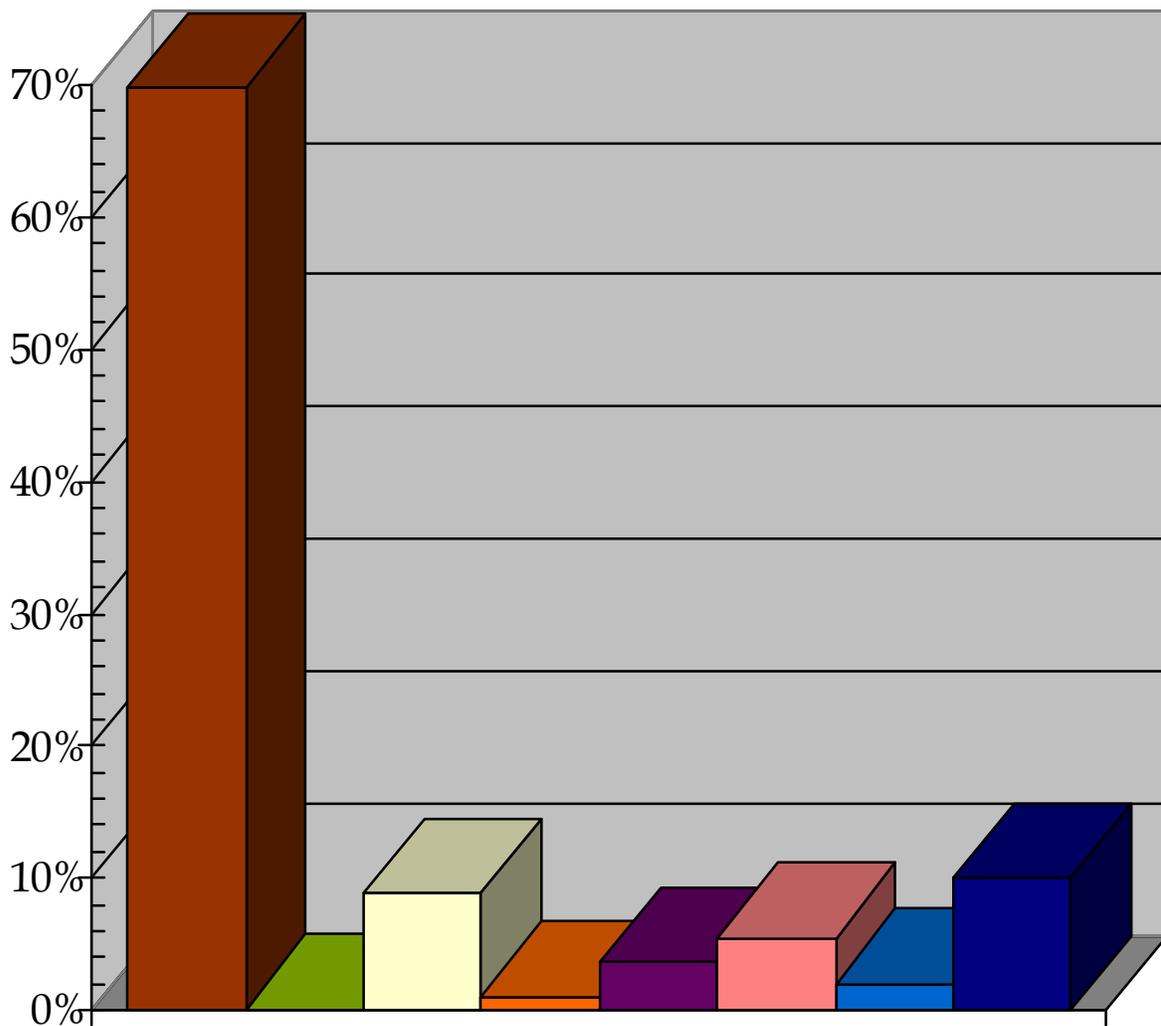
AUTAUGA	11	JACKSON	7
BALDWIN	27	JEFFERSON	101
BARBOUR	4	LAMAR	1
BIBB	7	LAUDERDALE	28
BLOUNT	22	LAWRENCE	10
BULLOCK	3	LEE	10
BUTLER	4	LIMESTONE	19
CALHOUN	25	LOWNDES	1
CHAMBERS	13	MACON	3
CHEROKEE	19	MADISON	85
CHILTON	19	MARENGO	9
CHOCTAW	3	MARION	14
CLARKE	6	MARSHALL	15
CLAY	4	MOBILE	74
CLEBURNE	9	MONROE	8
COFFEE	6	MONTGOMERY	20
COLBERT	13	MORGAN	15
CONECUH	1	PERRY	2
COOSA	0	PICKENS	4
COVINGTON	12	PIKE	4
CRENSHAW	2	RANDOLPH	13
CULLMAN	28	RUSSELL	5
DALE	8	SHELBY	28
DALLAS	4	ST. CLAIR	14
DEKALB	22	SUMTER	2
ELMORE	19	TALLADEGA	25
ESCAMBIA	10	TALLAPOOSA	17
ETOWAH	32	TUSCALOOSA	57
FAYETTE	2	WALKER	26
FRANKLIN	8	WASHINGTON	3
GENEVA	10	WILCOX	2
GREENE	1	WINSTON	10
HALE	3		
HENRY	5		
HOUSTON	41	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,060</b>

# Classifications of Property Involved A Closer Look . .

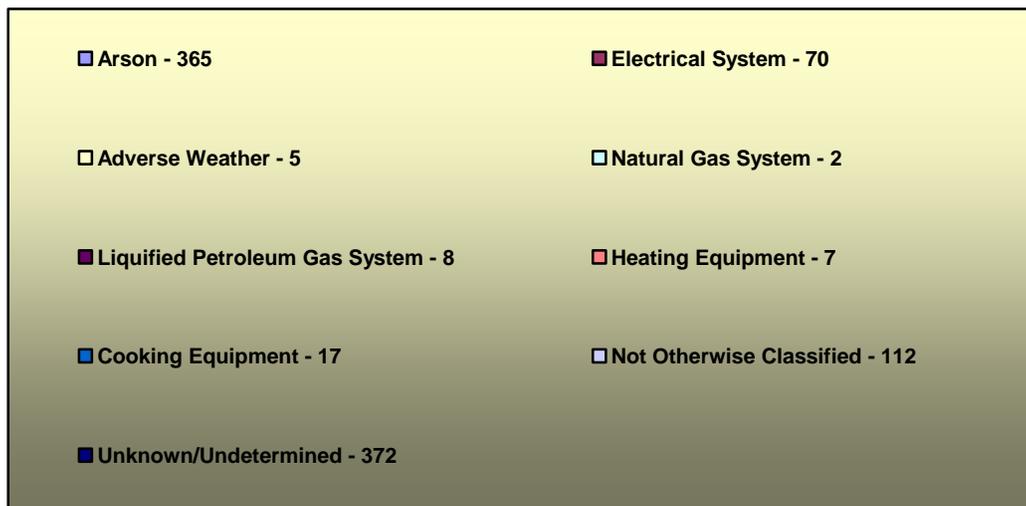
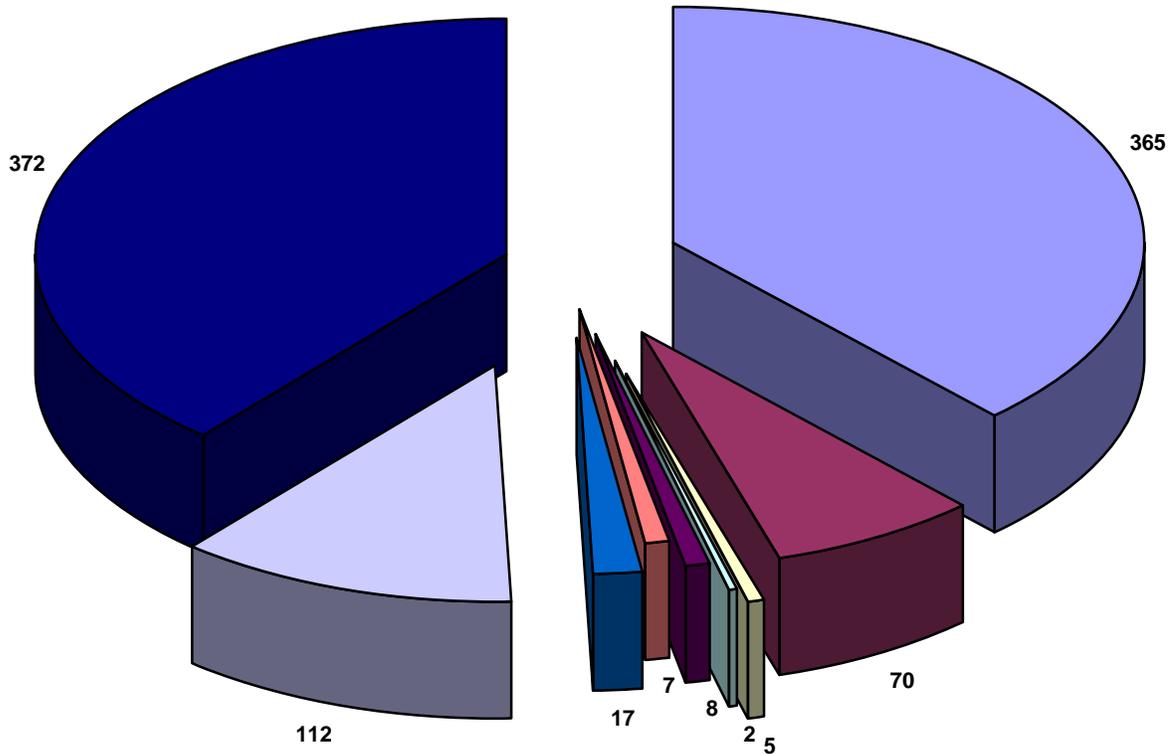
<b>RESIDENTIAL:</b>	<b>69.8%</b>
DWELLINGS	414
MOBILE HOMES	218
APARTMENTS, DORMITORIES	35
HUNTING CLUBS/LODGES	0
HOTELS/MOTELS	2
<b>DETENTIONAL:</b>	<b>.1%</b>
JAILS, etc.	13
<b>MOTOR VEHICLES:</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, etc.	77
MOTOR HOMES/CAMPER TRAILERS	0
WATERCRAFT	2
FARM EQUIPMENT/ TRACTORS, HEAVY EQUIPMENT, etc.	6
<b>EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:</b>	<b>1%</b>
SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES	9
<b>ASSEMBLIES:</b>	<b>4%</b>
ASSEMBLIES/CHURCHES	21
RESTAURANTS	8
<b>BUSINESSES:</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, MERCANTILE	53
<b>HEALTHCARE:</b>	<b>.2%</b>
DOCTOR OFFICES, HOSPITALS	2
<b>OTHER:</b>	<b>10%</b>
	98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>958</b>

# Investigations

## Classifications of Property Involved



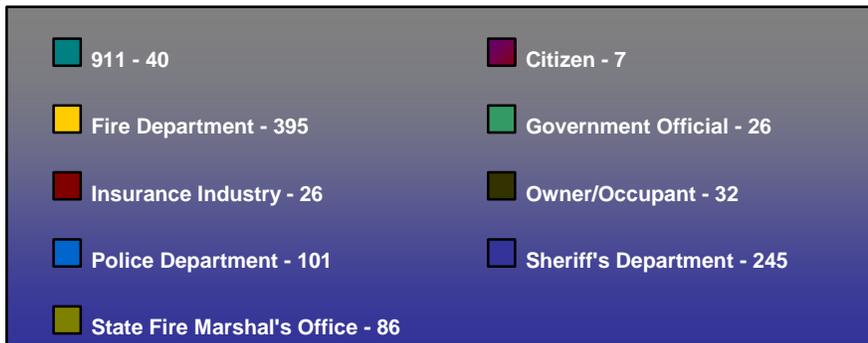
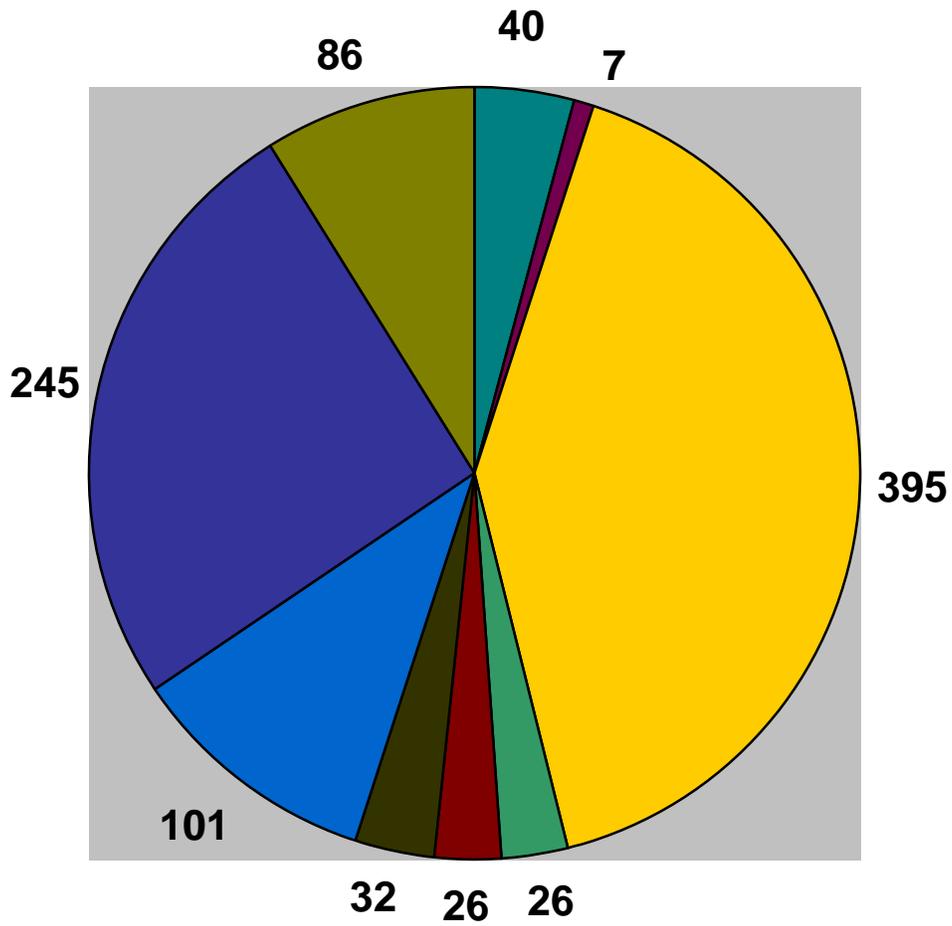
# Classifications of Investigations



# Investigations by County

AUTAUGA	3	JACKSON	23
BALDWIN	37	JEFFERSON	44
BARBOUR	14	LAMAR	9
BIBB	3	LAUDERDALE	52
BLOUNT	14	LAWRENCE	32
BULLOCK	3	LEE	11
BUTLER	8	LIMESTONE	4
CALHOUN	8	LOWNDES	17
CHAMBERS	9	MACON	2
CHEROKEE	6	MADISON	12
CHILTON	5	MARENGO	3
CHOCTAW	-	MARION	16
CLARKE	5	MARSHALL	9
CLAY	11	MOBILE	27
CLEBURNE	8	MONROE	13
COFFEE	15	MONTGOMERY	14
COLBERT	28	MORGAN	10
CONECUH	7	PERRY	17
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CULLMAN	20	RUSSELL	5
DALE	15	SHELBY	8
DALLAS	21	ST. CLAIR	32
DEKALB	12	SUMTER	3
ELMORE	11	TALLADEGA	37
ESCAMBIA	11	TALLAPOOSA	12
ETOWAH	15	TUSCALOOSA	36
FAYETTE	9	WALKER	71
FRANKLIN	28	WASHINGTON	7
GENEVA	13	WILCOX	5
GREENE	2	WINSTON	14
HALE	11		
HENRY	3		
HOUSTON	6	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>958</b>

# *Investigation Requestors*





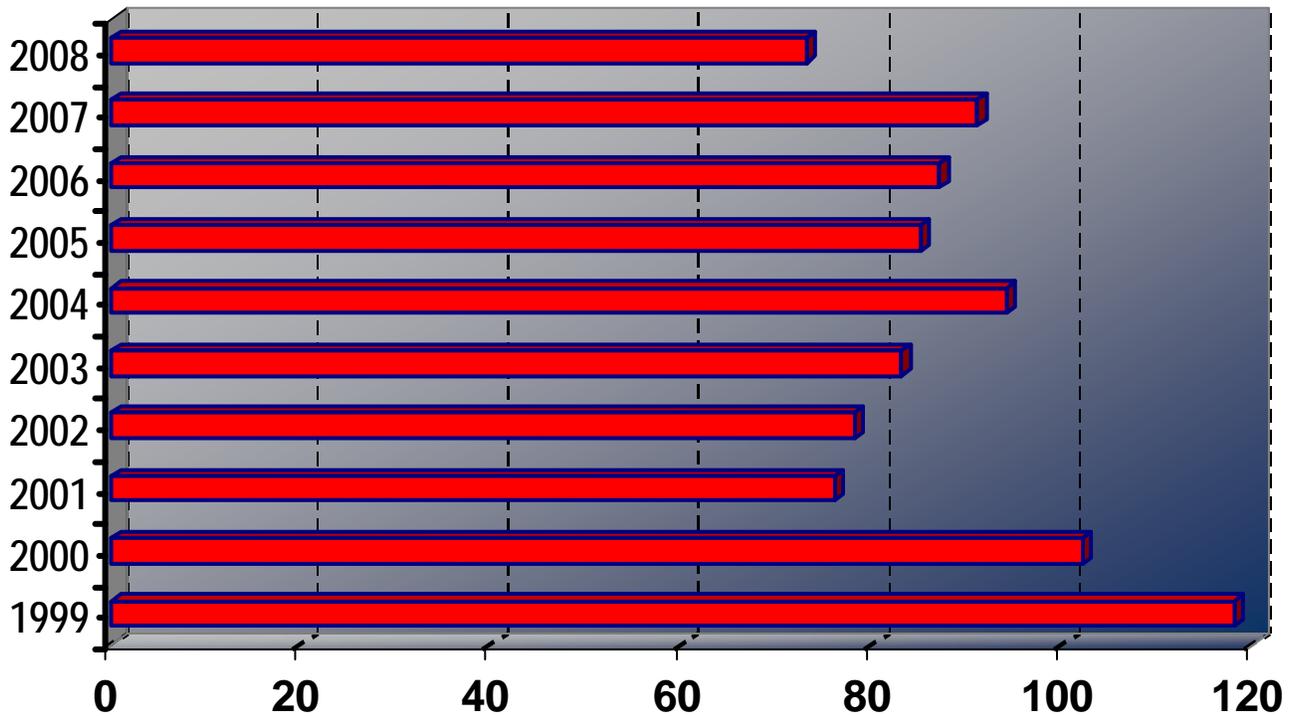
# 2008 Arrests / Charges



Arson	63
Assault	1
Attempt Theft/Deception	4
Burglary	9
Capital Murder	3
Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess Pistol	1
Criminal Mischief	5
Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument	3
Criminal Possession of Obscene Material of Person	6
Criminal Solicitation	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Cruelty to Animals	1
D.U.I.	2
Failure to Appear	2
False Reporting to Law Enforcement	2
Impersonating Peace Officer	1
Manufacturing a Control Substance	1
N.W.N.I.	2
Obstructing Government Operation	1
Obscuring Identity of Vehicle	3
Probation Violation	1
Public Intoxication	1
Reckless Driving	1
Reckless Endangerment	7
Rendering False Alarm	1
Resisting Arrest	1

Sodomy	1
Terrorist Threat	2
Theft	18
Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance	7
Unsworn False to Authorities	2
Willfully Setting Grass Fires	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168</b>

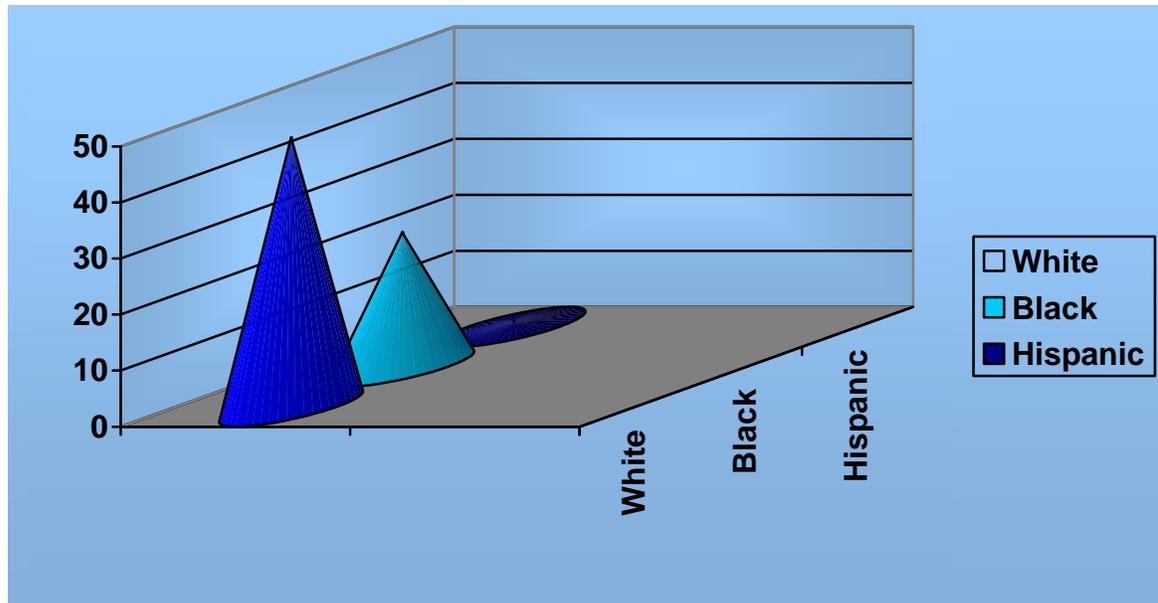
## Alabama Fire Fatality Record



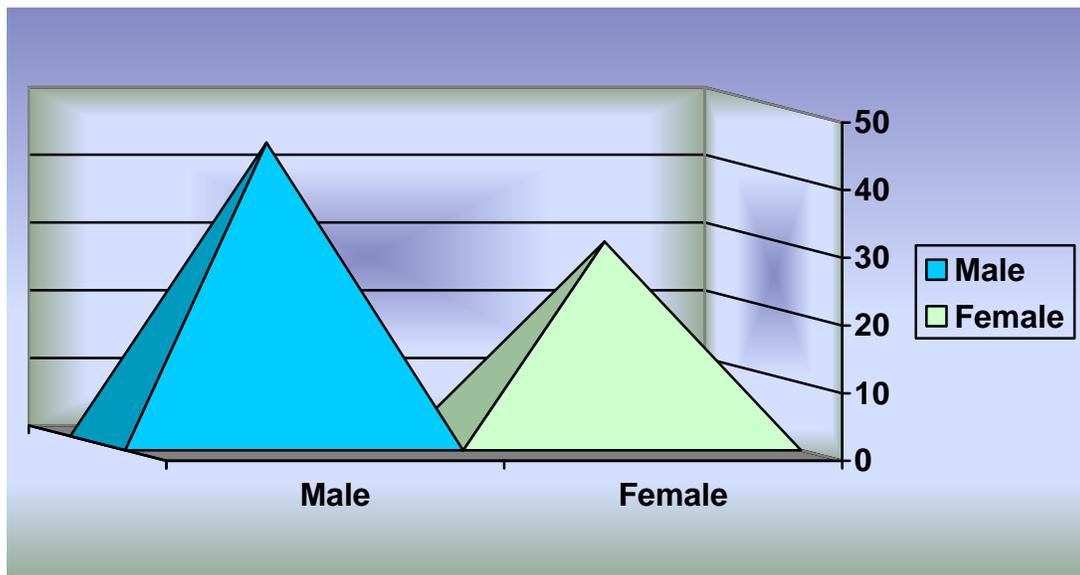
Alabama's fire death record for the past ten years is statistically graphed above. The exact numbers of annual fire-related fatalities are as follows:

1999 - 118
2000 - 102
2001 - 76
2002 - 78
2003 - 83
2004 - 94
2005 - 85
2006 - 87
2007 - 91
2008 - 73

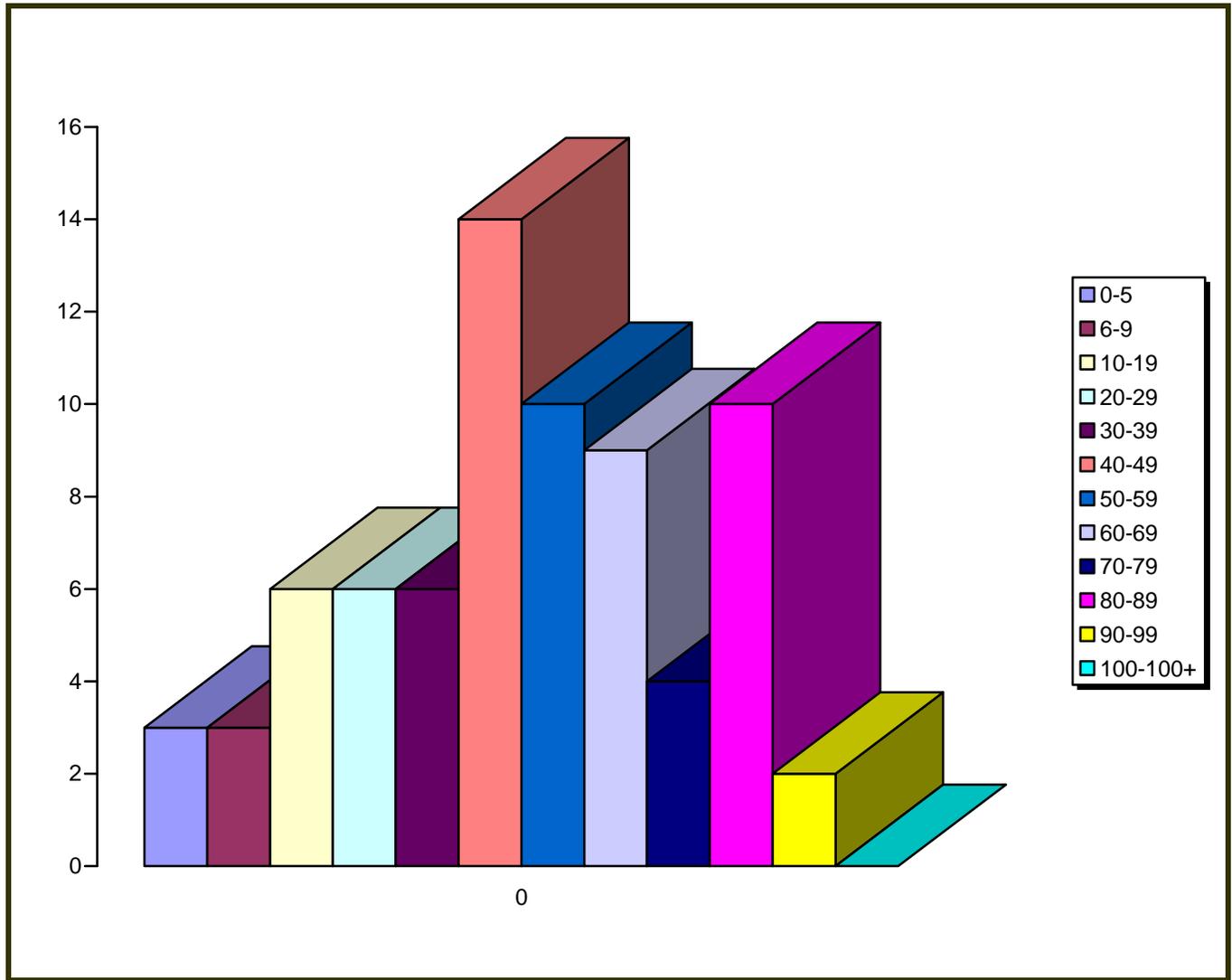
# *Fatalities by Race*



# *Fatalities by Gender*



# Fatalities by Age



The fire-related fatalities are broken down into age groups in the graph above. The exact fatalities per age group are as follows:

Age	Number	Age	Number
0 – 5	3	60 – 69	9
6 – 9	3	70 – 79	4
10 – 19	6	80 – 89	10
20 – 29	6	90 – 99	2
30 – 39	6	100+	0
40 – 49	14		
50 – 59	10	<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>

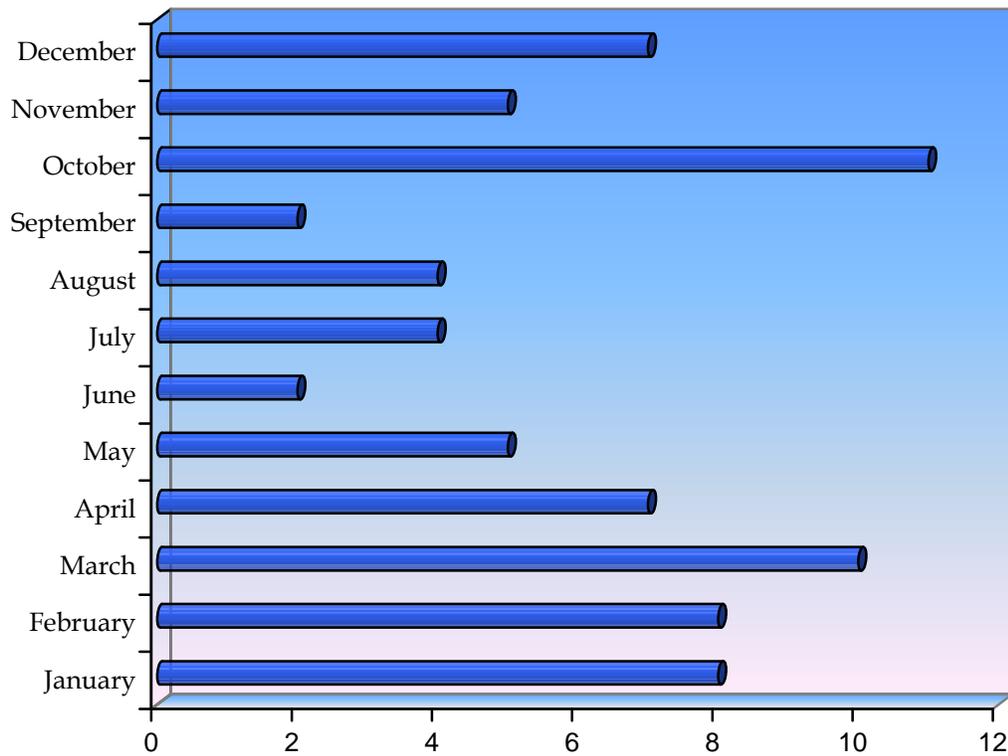
# FIRE FATALITY CAUSES

ARSON BY FIRE	3
SUICIDE BY FIRE	2
AUTOMOBILE-COLLISION	3
CHILD PLAYING WITH LIGHTER	1
COMBUSTIBLE TOO CLOSE	2
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM-WIRING- PERMANENT-INTERIOR	1
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM-WIRING- TEMPORARY-INTERIOR	2
ELECTRIC-STOVE/OVEN-LEFT UNATTENDED	5
EQUIPMENT/APPLIANCE-PERMANENT- INTERIOR	3
FIREPLACE	1
L.P. GAS-STOVE/OVEN-LEFT UNATTENDED	1
LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM- TANK-PERMANENT-EXTERIOR	1
MISUSE OF SMOKING MATERIALS (including improperly discarded)	3
UNCONTROLLED OPEN BURNING	2
UNATTENDED CANDLE/ OTHER AUX. LIGHTING	1
UNDETERMINED	26
UNDETERMINED-SUSPICIOUS	3
UNDETERMINED-NOT SUSPICIOUS	9
UNDETERMINED-NOT REPORTED	2
WOOD HEATER	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>

# Fatalities by County

<b>AUTAUGA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>JACKSON</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>BALDWIN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>JEFFERSON</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>BARBOUR</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>LAMAR</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BIBB</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>LAUDERDALE</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>BLOUNT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>LAWRENCE</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BULLOCK</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>LEE</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>BUTLER</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>LIMESTONE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CALHOUN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>LOWNDES</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CHAMBERS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MACON</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CHEROKEE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MADISON</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>CHILTON</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MARENGO</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CHOCTAW</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MARION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CLARKE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MARSHALL</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CLAY</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MOBILE</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>CLEBURNE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MONROE</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>MONTGOMERY</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>COLBERT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>MORGAN</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>CONECUH</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>PERRY</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>COOSA</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>PICKENS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>COVINGTON</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>PIKE</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CRENSHAW</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>RANDOLPH</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CULLMAN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>RUSSELL</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>DALE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>SHELBY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>ST. CLAIR</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>DEKALB</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>SUMTER</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ELMORE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TALLADEGA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ESCAMBIA</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TALLAPOOSA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ETOWAH</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TUSCALOOSA</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>FAYETTE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>WALKER</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GENEVA</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>WILCOX</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GREENE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>WINSTON</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>HALE</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>HENRY</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>

# Fatalities by Month



The fire-related fatalities are broken down by months in the graph above. The exact fatalities per month are as follows:

January	8	July	4
February	8	August	4
March	10	September	2
April	7	October	11
May	5	November	5
June	2	December	7

**Total Fatalities – 73**