Fires in the United States During 2015 Fact Sheet

1,345,500 fires were reported in the U.S. during 2015.

- 3,280 civilian fire deaths
- One civilian death occurred every two hours and 40 minutes
- 15,700 civilian fire injuries
- One civilian injury occurred every 34 minutes
- $14.3 billion in property damage*
- A fire department responded to a fire every 23 seconds

Structure Fires

501,500 structure fires occurred in the U.S. during 2015.

- 2,685 civilian fire deaths
- 13,000 civilian fire injuries
- $10.3 billion in property damage
- One structure fire was reported every 63 seconds.

Outside and Other Fires

639,500 outside and other fires occurred in the U.S. during 2015.

- 95 civilian fire deaths
- 825 civilian fire injuries
- $252 million in property damage*
- One outside fire was reported every 52 seconds.

Highway Vehicle Fires

174,000 highway vehicle fires occurred in the U.S. during 2015.

- 445 civilian fire deaths
- 1,550 civilian fire injuries
- $1.2 billion in property damage
- One highway vehicle fire was reported every 181 seconds.

Other Vehicle Fires

30,500 other vehicle fires occurred in the U.S. during 2015.

- 55 civilian deaths
- 325 civilian injuries
- $579 million in property damage
- One other vehicle fire was reported every _____ seconds.

*An additional $2 billion in property damage occurred in two major California wildfires.

Source: Fire Loss in the United States during 2015, Hylton J.G. Haynes
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2015 United States Fire Loss Clock

A fire department responded to a fire every 23 seconds.

One highway vehicle fire was reported every 181 seconds.

One outside fire was reported every 52 seconds.

One structure fire was reported every 63 seconds.

One civilian fire injury was reported every 34 minutes.

One home structure fire was reported every 86 seconds.

One civilian fire death occurred every 2 hours and 40 minutes.

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