NFPA Non Residential Fact Sheet



Facts and statistics on fires in non residential structures including hotels and motels.

In 2005-2009, local fire departments responded to an estimated average of 115,500 structure fires in non-residential and hotel/motel properties per year. These fires resulted in annual averages of

1. 110 civilian fire deaths,
2. 1,610 civilian injuries, and
3. $3.1 billion in direct property damage.

- One out of every 5 such fires was a contained trash or rubbish fire that did not spread to other contents or the structure itself.
- In three of every five fires in these properties, flame damage was confined to the object of origin. Fire spread beyond the room of origin in only one-quarter (28%) of these fires.
- Cooking equipment was involved in one of every five (19%) of the fires in these properties.
- Eighteen percent were intentionally set.
- Sixteen percent of the direct property damage was caused by…