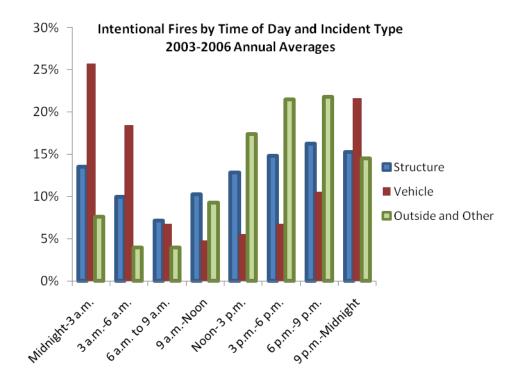


Intentional Fires Fact Sheet



Fire departments responded to an estimated **51,840** intentional structure fires annually during 2003-2006. These fires resulted in:

- 377 civilian deaths
- 1,115 civilian injuries
- \$898.1 million in direct property damage



Although 3 of every 4 intentional fires are started outside most of the intentional fire casualties and property loss resulted from structure fires.

In 2006, 10 firefighters died and 7,200 firefighters were injured, while on duty, at the scene or

responding to intentional fires.

Half of all intentional structure fires are started in the home. These fires resulted in:

- 85% of the civilian deaths
- 82% of the civilian injuries
- 64% of the direct property damage

from intentional structure fires.

5% of fires in homes are intentionally started

The bedroom is the leading area of origin for intentional home structure fires.

The bathroom is the leading area in public properties such as stores, offices, or schools.

Large cities have a larger percentage of intentional structure fires.

According to FBI Statistics, in 2007:

- An estimated 5-7% of arson offenses resulted in convictions
- 18% of arson offenses were cleared by arrest or exceptional means
- 47% of arrestees were under the age of 18

Source: Intentional Fires, Jennifer D. Flynn, NFPA Fire Analysis & Research, Quincy, MA May 2009

^{*}An "intentional" fire is a fire that threatens harm and includes deliberate misuse of heat source or a fire of an incendiary nature.