

Diversion ~ Changing Dangerous Behavior



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What is Public Safety?



- **Public Safety** refers to the welfare and protection of the general **public**. It is usually expressed as a governmental responsibility. Most states have departments for **public safety**. The primary goal of the department is prevention and protection of the **public** from dangers affecting **safety** such as crimes or disasters.

source:uslegal.com

How do we Achieve it?



- Community Risk Reduction
- Partnerships
- Prevention
- Public Education
- Creativity



Finding Partners



- Local, regional, state organizations
- Attend their trainings
- Presentation for and by them
- Vendor booths
- Internet search
- Personal relationships
- Share data findings



Speak the Language



- Partners
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Mental Health
 - Social Services
 - Law Enforcement
 - Parents
 - Schools
 - Others



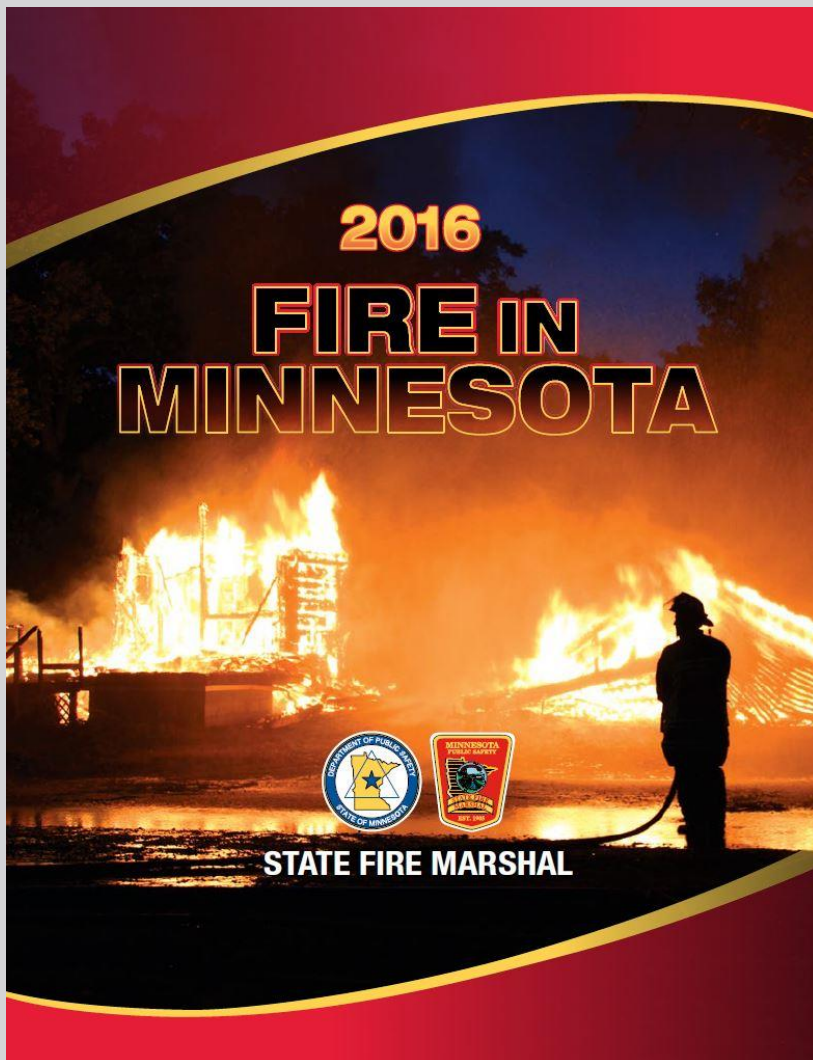
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noun

JARGON

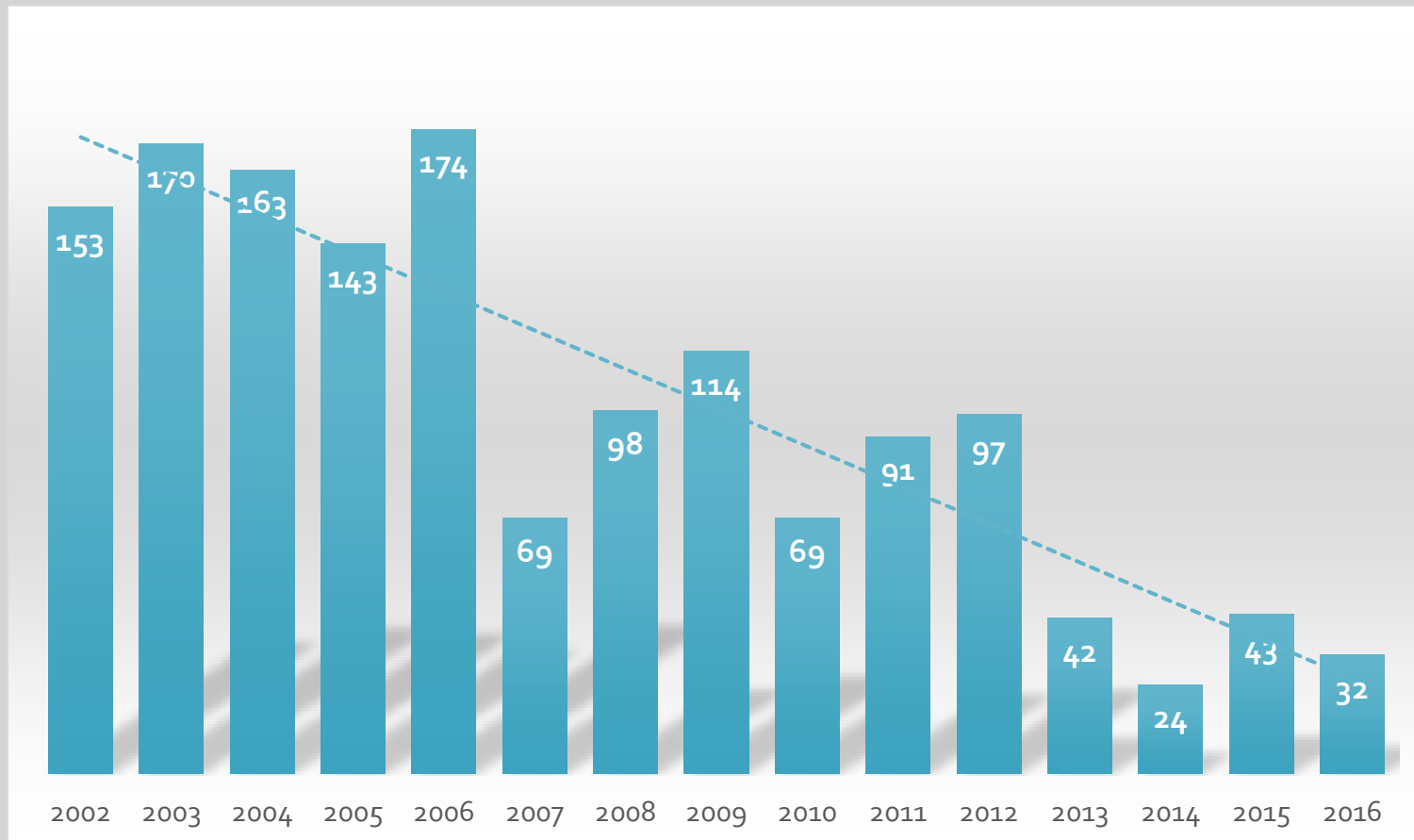
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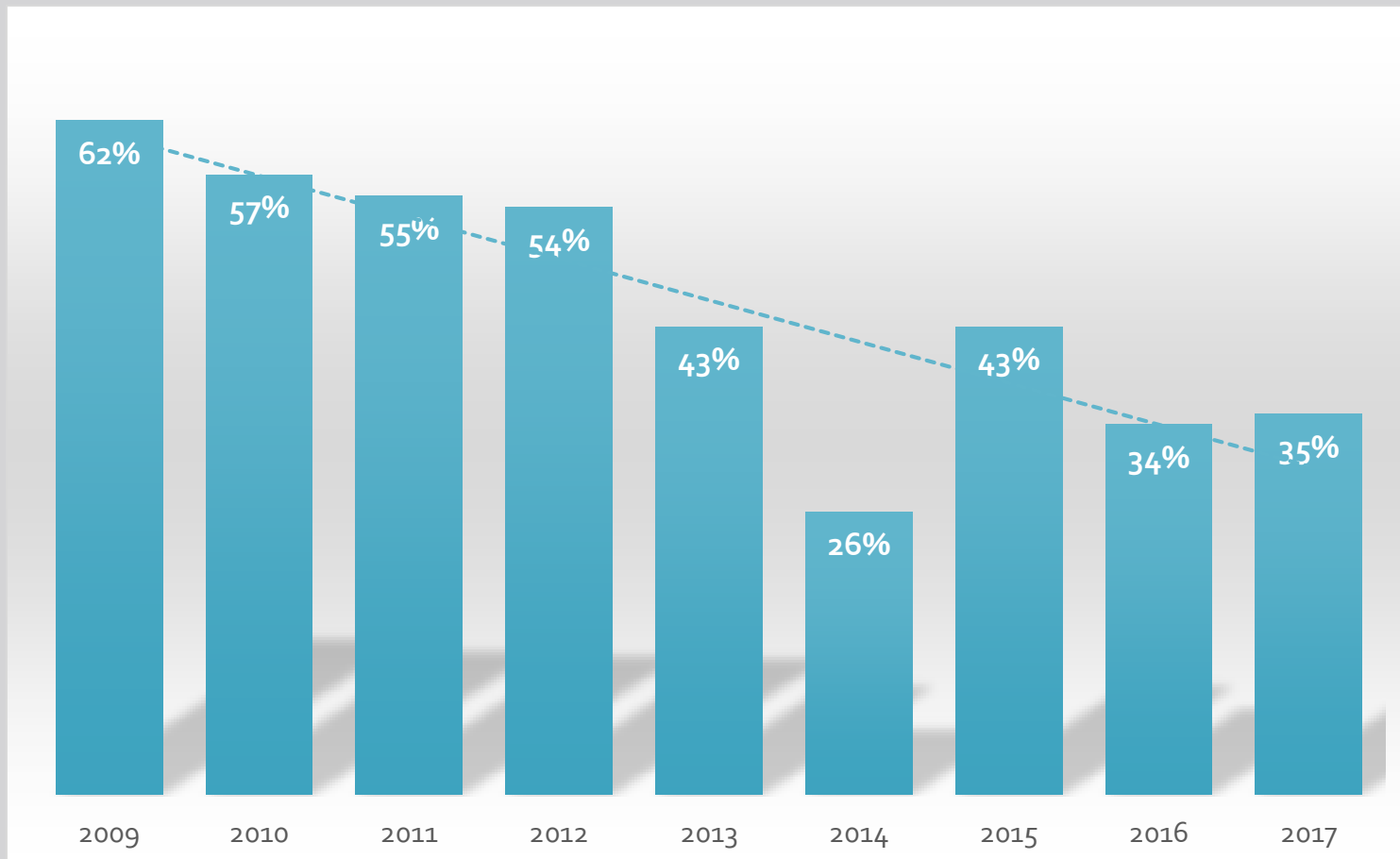
- Consistently
 - 7-15% of MN Fires
 - 35% juvenile arrests



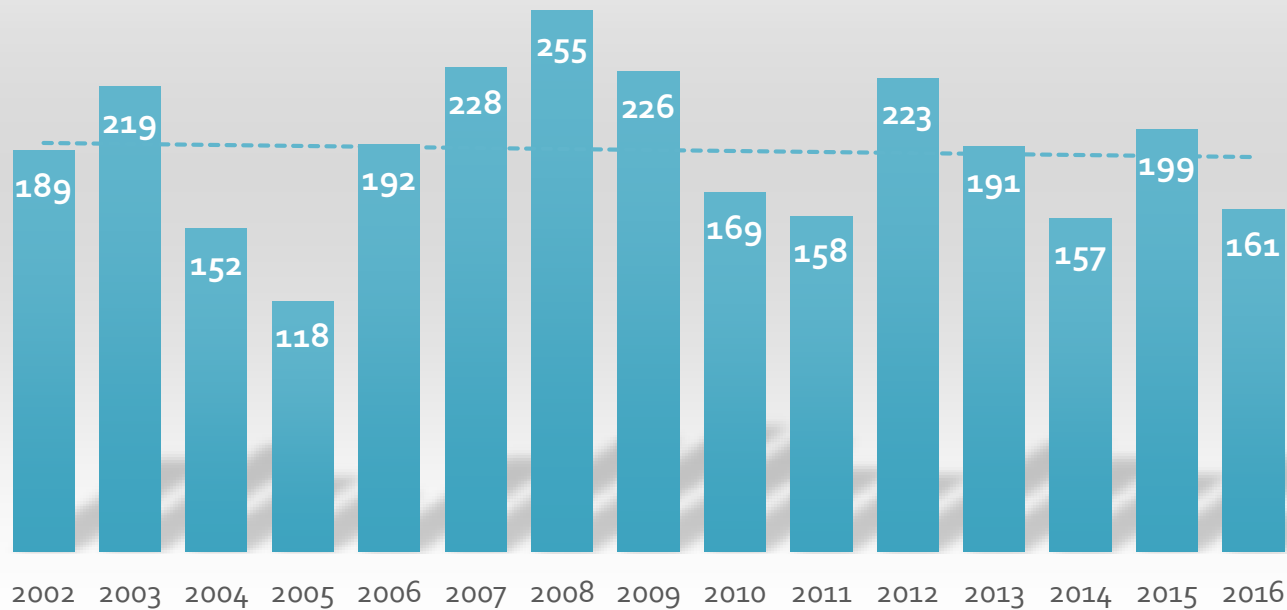
Minnesota # Youth Arrests



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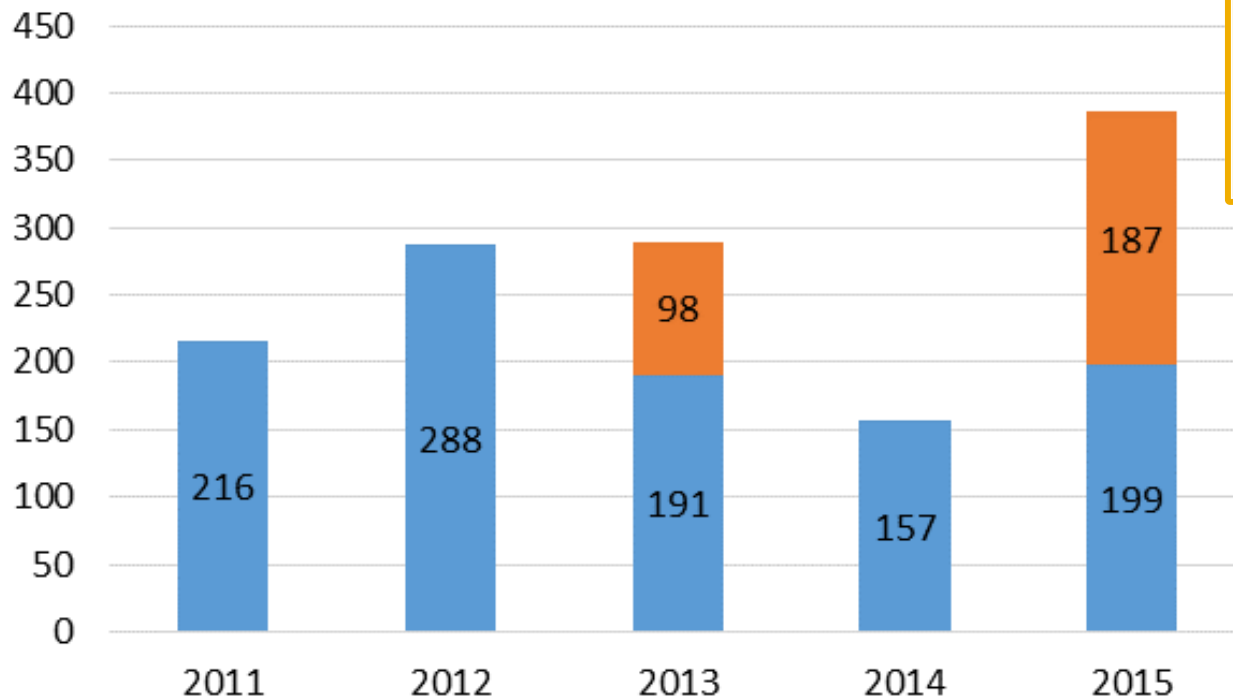
Minnesota # Youth-Set Fires



Minnesota Statistics (Cont'd)



2011 - 2015 Minnesota Youth-Set Fires



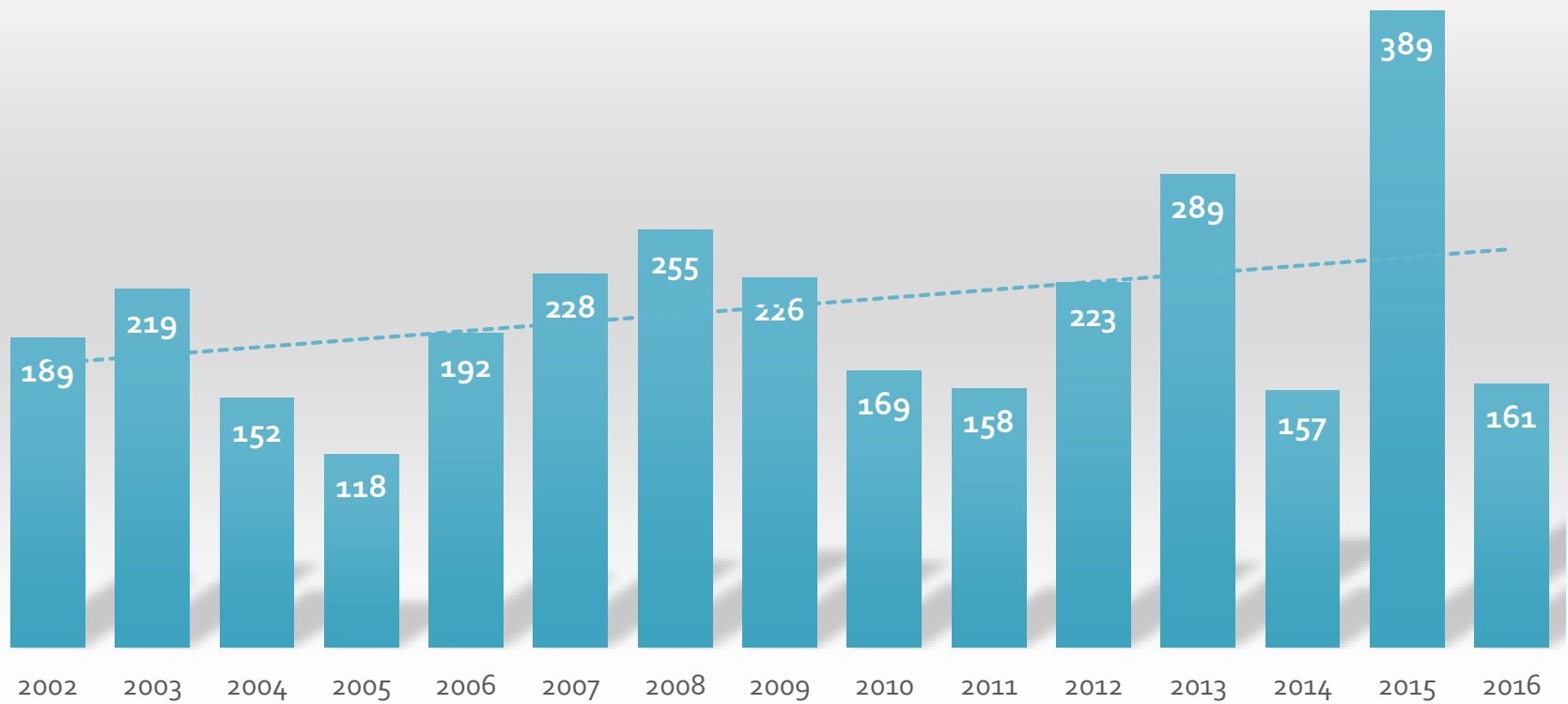
Orange represents cases that were found using a keyword narrative search.

Blue represents cases that were located by "playing with ignition source" or "age as a factor"

Minnesota



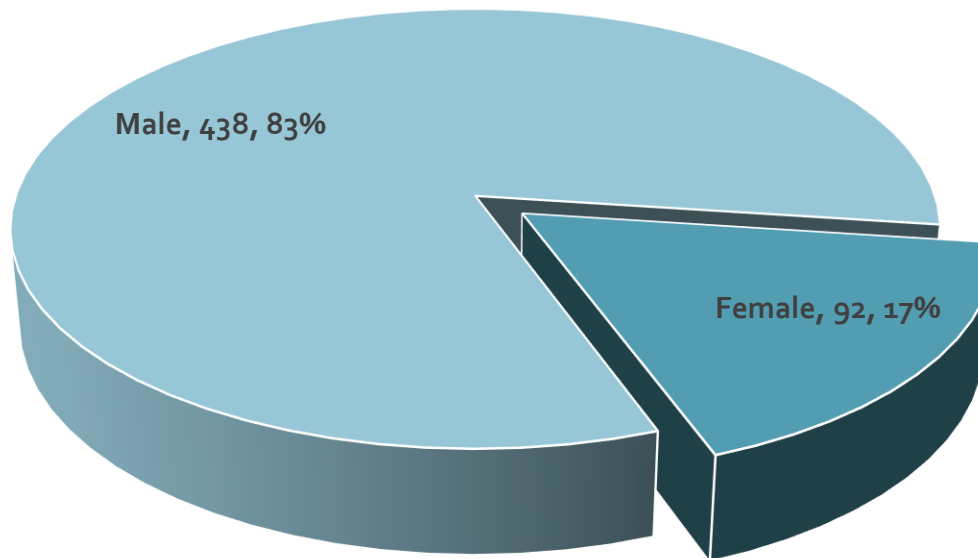
Youth-Set Fires



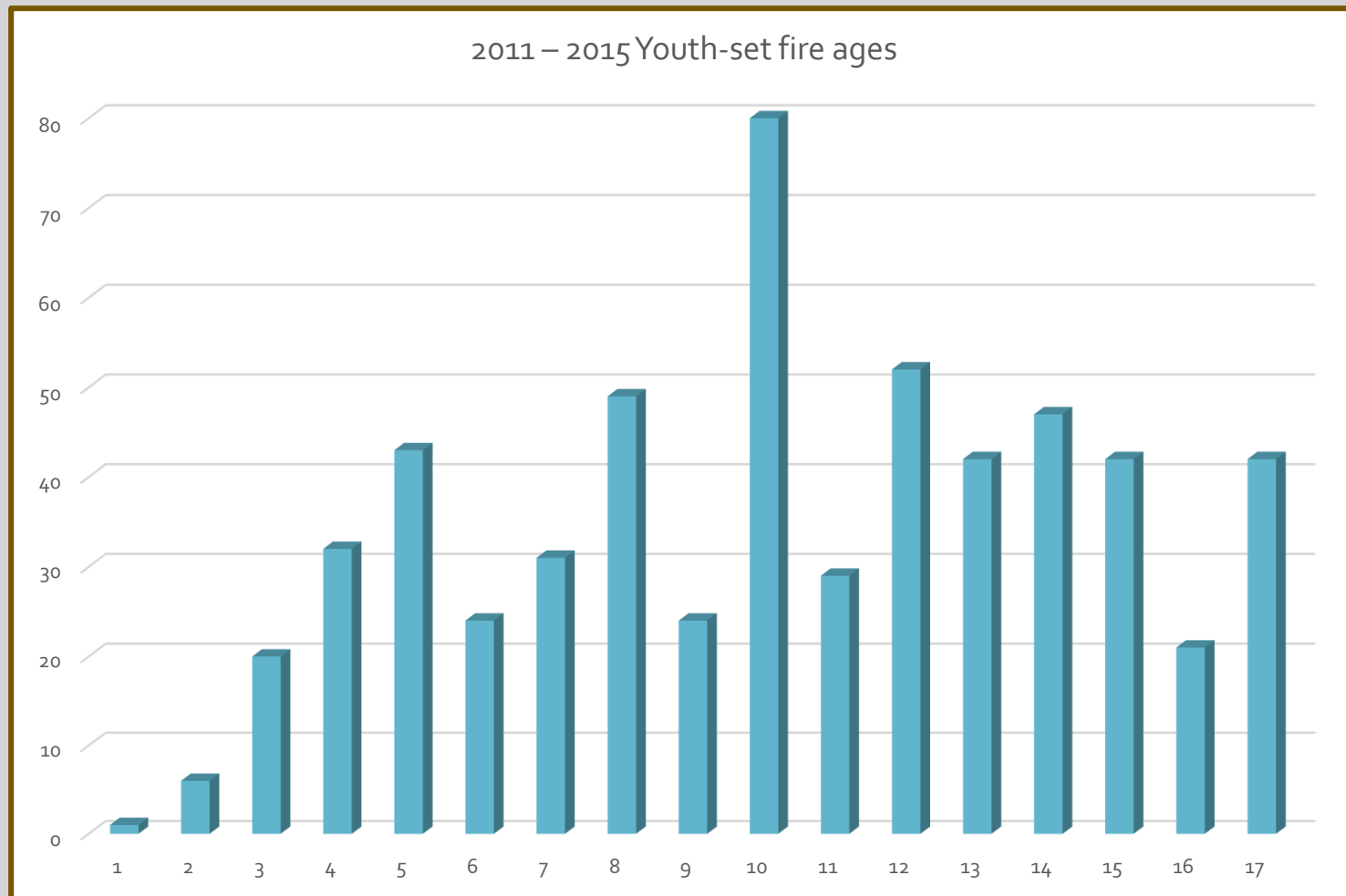
Minnesota Gender



2011-2015 Youth Set Fire Gender



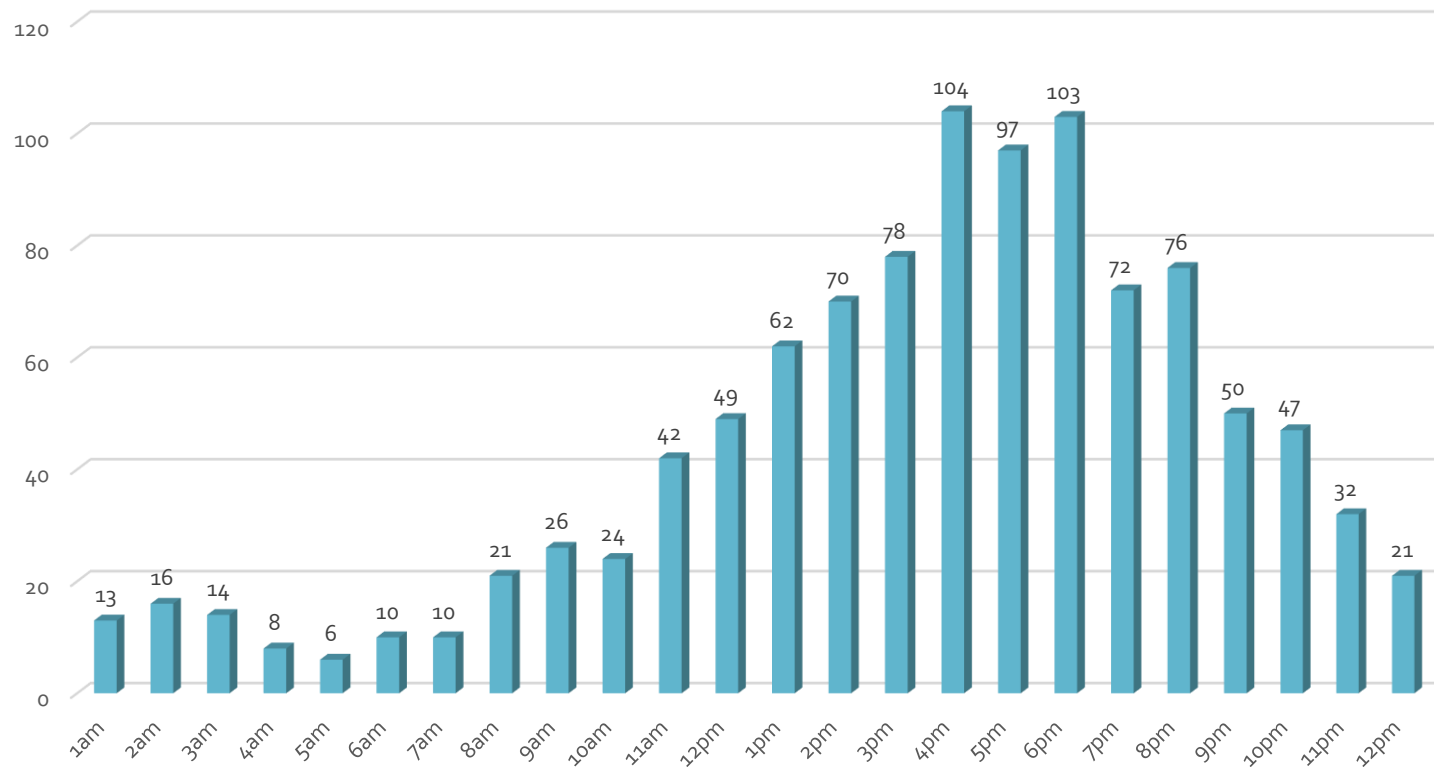
Minnesota Ages



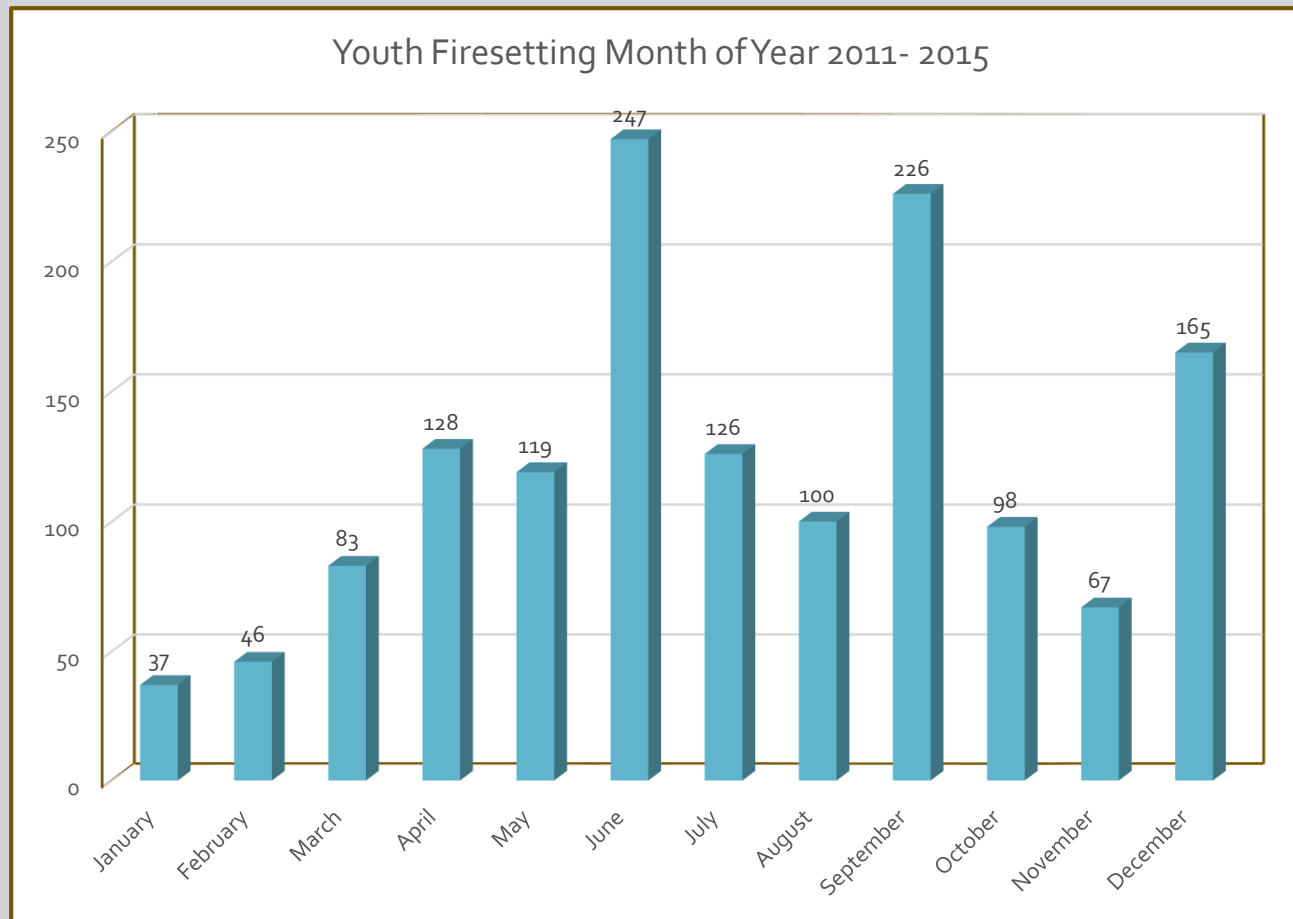
Minnesota Time of Day



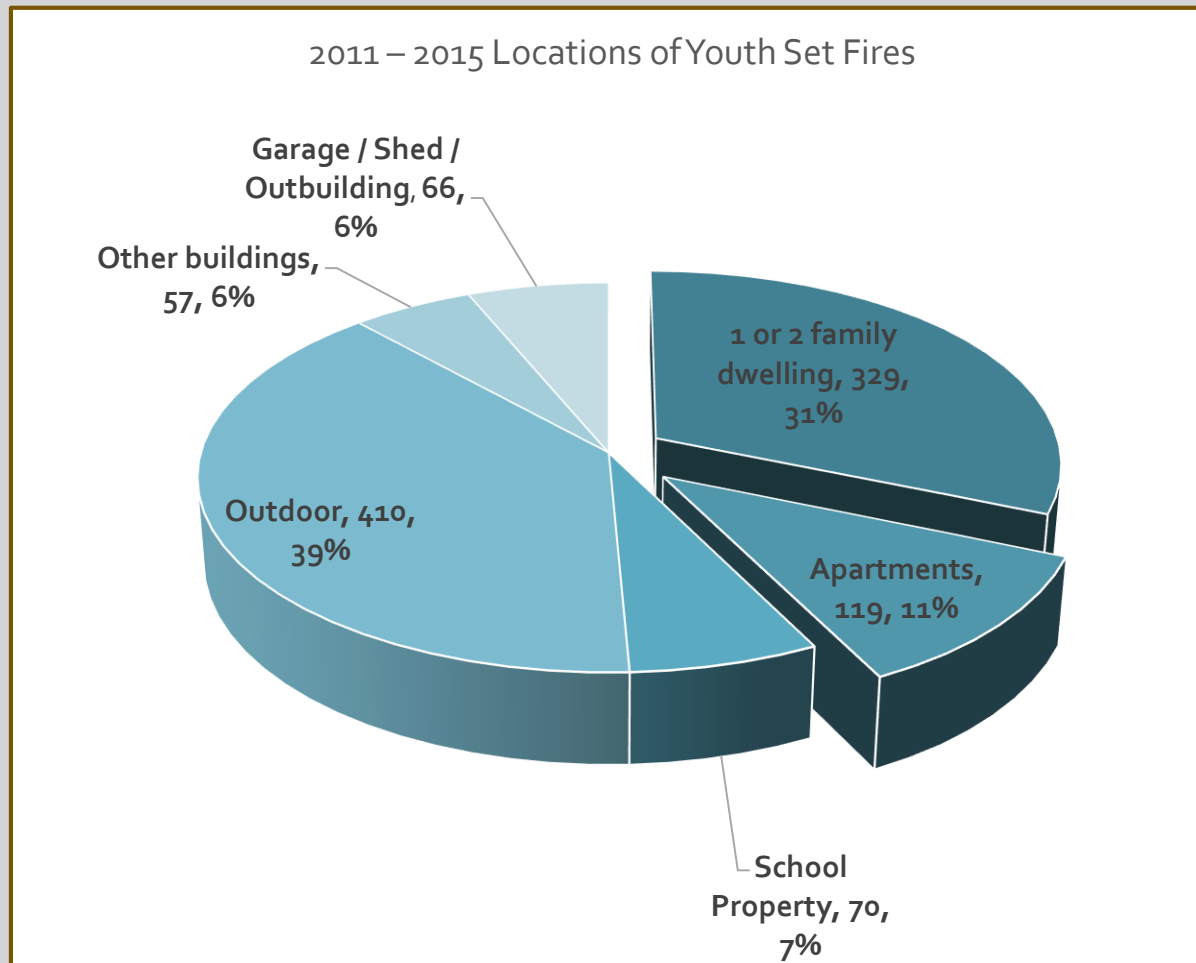
2011-2015 Youth-Set Fires Times of Day



Minnesota Month of Year



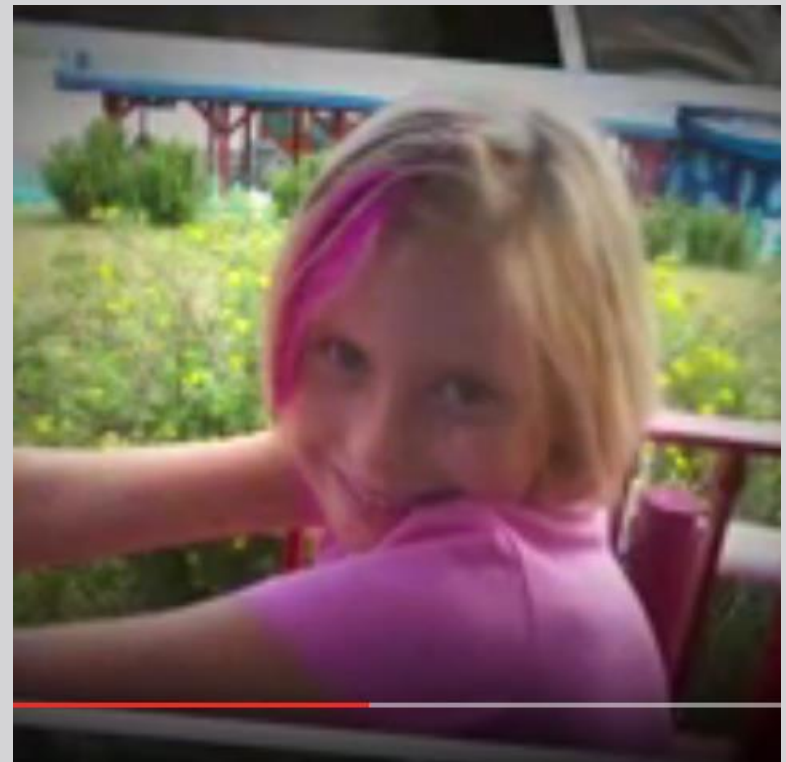
Minnesota locations



Fire Statistics



- Children die in fires that they start every year
- Without intervention 36% will continue
- With intervention less than 3% will continue



Perri's Story



Why Kids Set Fires



- Curiosity
- Crisis
- Thrill Seeking
- Cultural
- Delinquent
- Troubled
- Pyromania



Located between the parking ramp and the Children's Museum...



Why do Kids Start Fires?



■ MEDIA

- Children 8-18 spend 7:38 minutes a day consuming media.
- $7:38 \times 7 = 53$ hours 25 min
- $\times 356$ days = 2,786 hours 9 min
- 25% of babies under 2-years-old have a television in their bedroom.

■ ADVERTIZING DRIVES

■ MEDIA

- Television
- Music
- Computer
- Movies
- Video Games
- Print

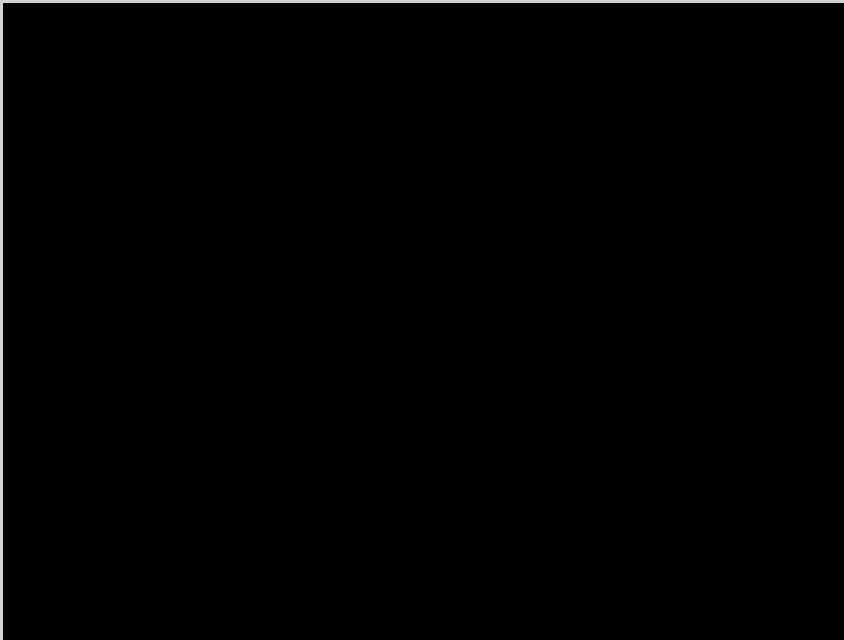
Kaiser Family Foundation,
Generation M2: Media in the
lives of 8-18 years, Jan 2010

Movies



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

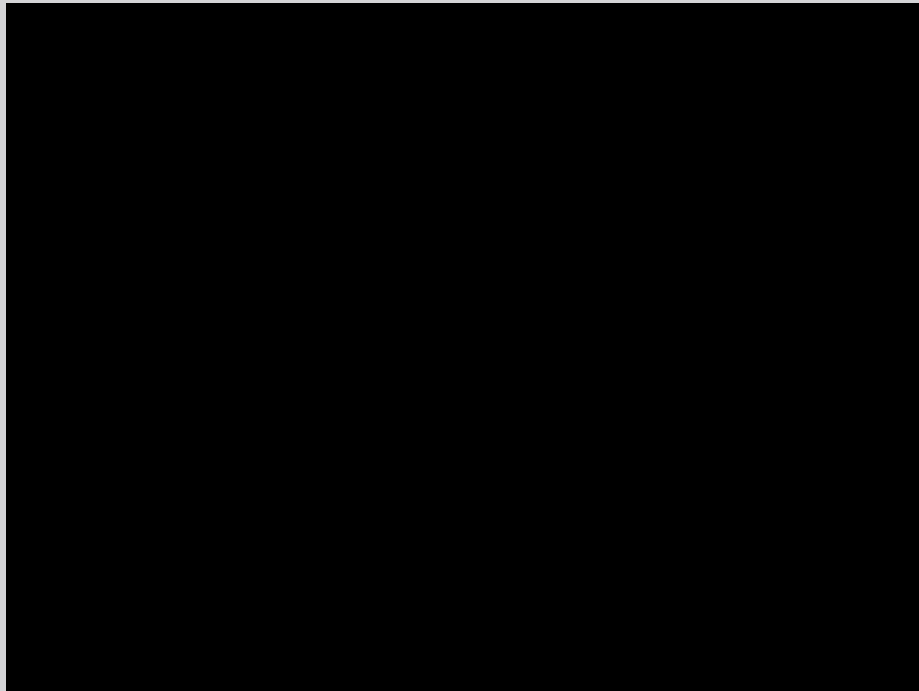
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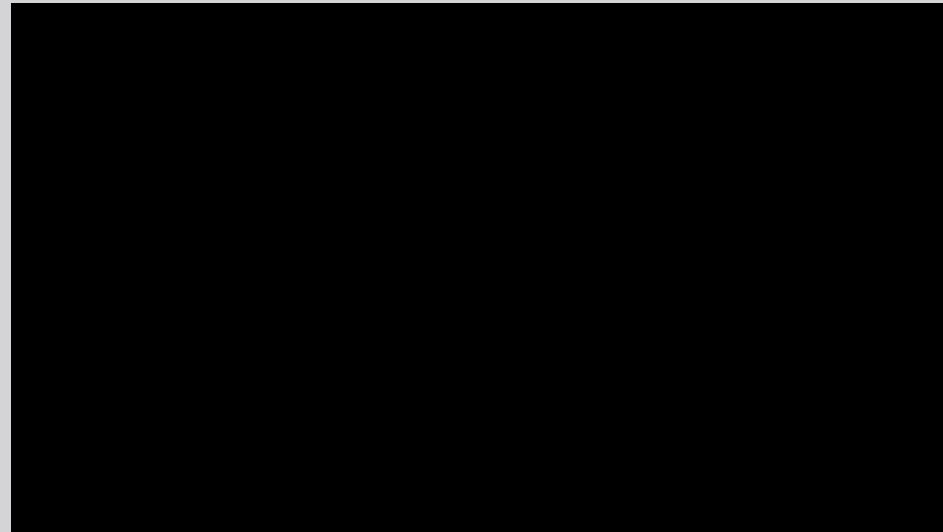
Commercials



BUD LIGHT



PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE



You Tube



Fire Challenge

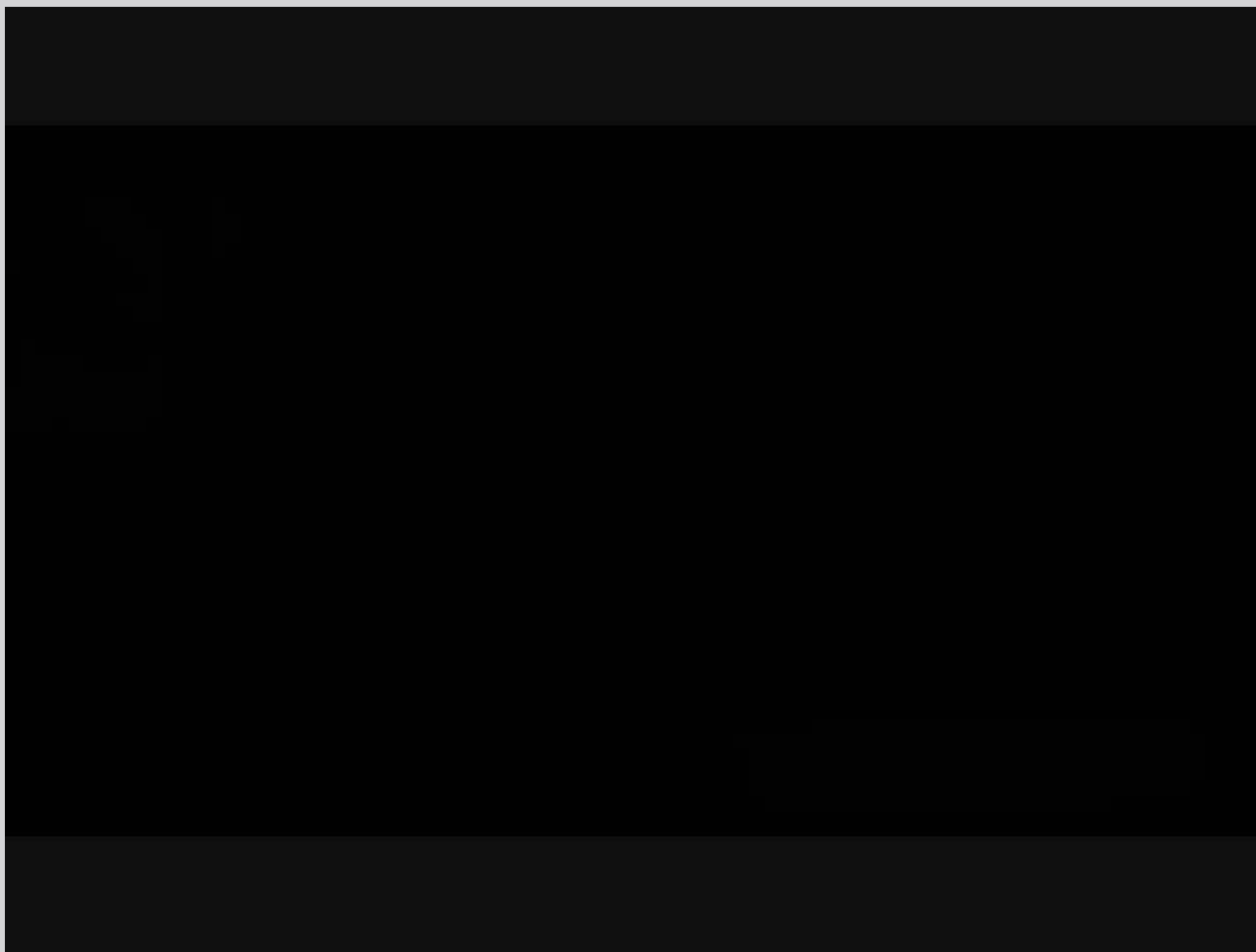




“If you believe that Sesame Street taught your 4-year-old something, you better believe that MTV is teaching your fourteen-year-old something.”

~ Dr. David Walsh

Kids at Risk



Mental Health Component



- Often their first introduction to services
- Cry for help
- Suggestibility
- Impulse control
- Coping mechanism



Mental Health



- Autism – 1 in 68 MN kids born with it
- ADHD – Attention Deficit Disorder
- FASD – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- ODD – Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury
- Bi Polar
- Many more



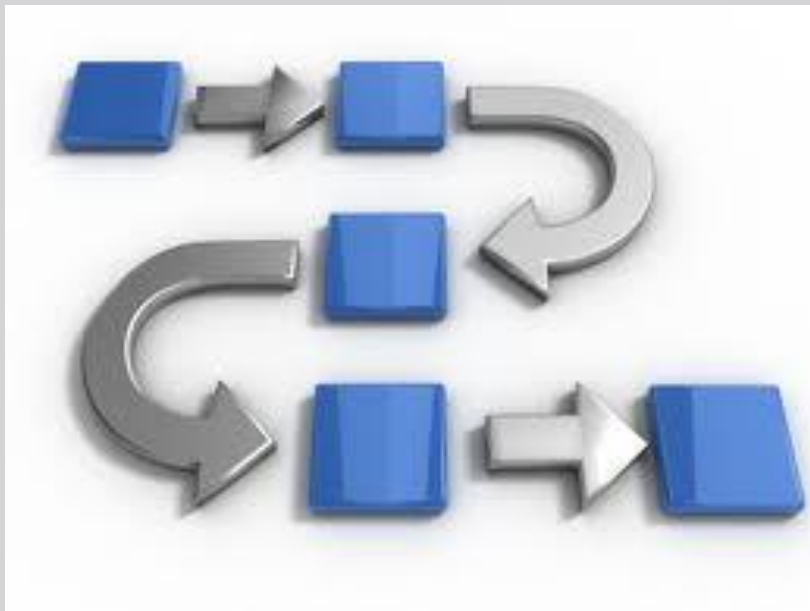
Investigation



- To charge or not to charge?
- Take child / parent information - email
- Call 651-201-7220



Referrals From



- Law Enforcement
- Investigators
- Social Services
- Schools
- Parents
- Mental Health
- Pediatricians
- Juvenile Justice

The Assessment



- Child & Family Questionnaire
 - Determine the needs:
 - Mental Health
 - Social Services
 - Understanding fire science
 - Bullying, abuse, neglect
 - Risk for re-offending



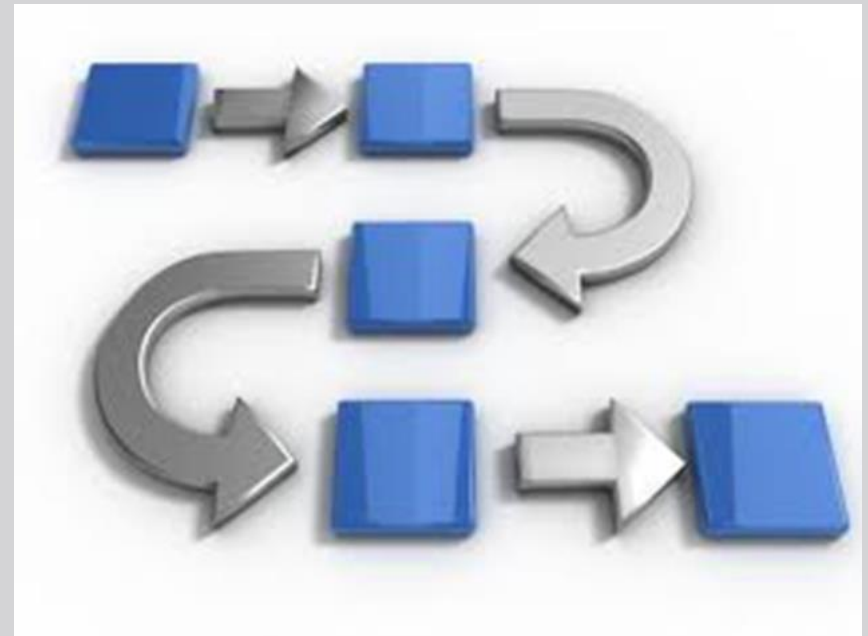


Dangers Of Matches

Referrals To



- Mental Health
- Residential Treatment Facilities
- Social Services
- Juvenile Justice
- Fire Education



Urgency



Comparison of Room Furnishings

Legacy Room

Modern Room



Underwriters Laboratories

00:00

Fire Education Objectives



- Be an ambassador for the fire service
- Understand fire and its consequences
- Make good decisions about fire
- Be aware of the fire problem in the USA
- Understand the importance of fire prevention
- Identify and correct common fire hazards
- Have a safe escape plan and practice it at home

Fire Educational Intervention



- Rules & Laws
- Fire Statistics
- Fire Behavior
- Fire Prevention
- Burn Prevention
- Fire Safety
- Review & Test
- Evaluations, please

Backdraft Videos



Flashover



NIST

**National Institute of Standards
and Technology
Technology Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce**

Smoke Alarms

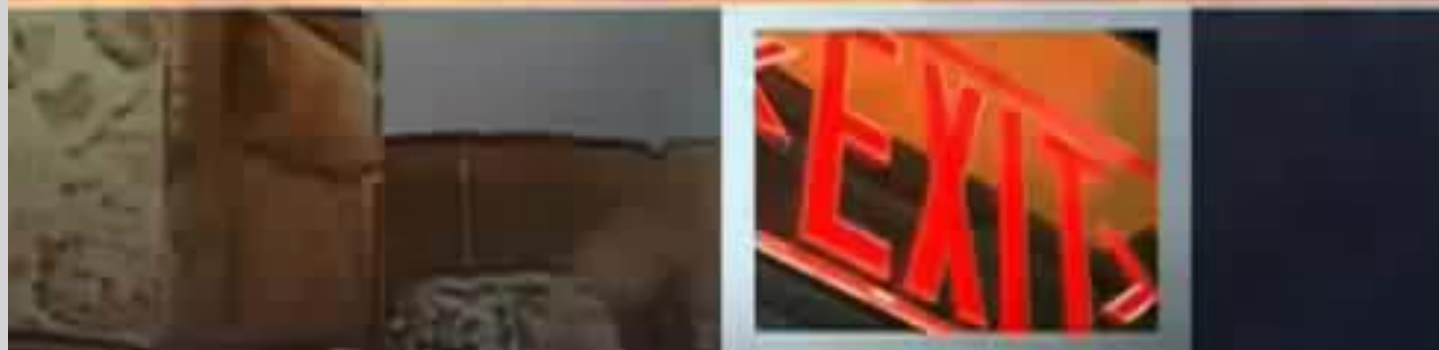


- Placement
- Check Batteries
- Change Batteries
- Replace Smoke Alarms
- Types of Alarms
 - Photoelectric
 - Ionization
 - Combination
 - CO Combination

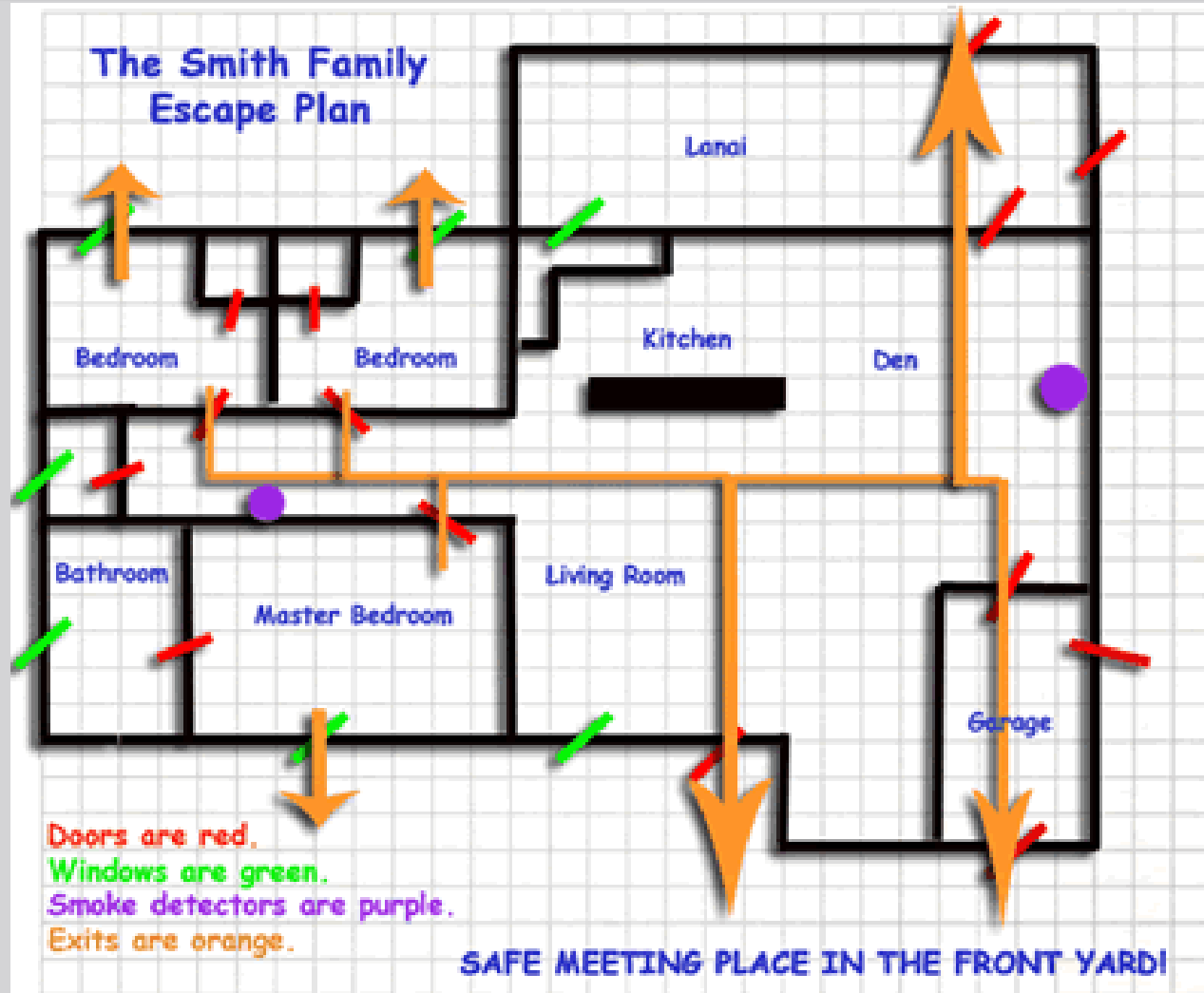




CAUSE FOR ALARM



Escape Plan



Escape Routes



KEEP ESCAPE ROUTES CLEAR

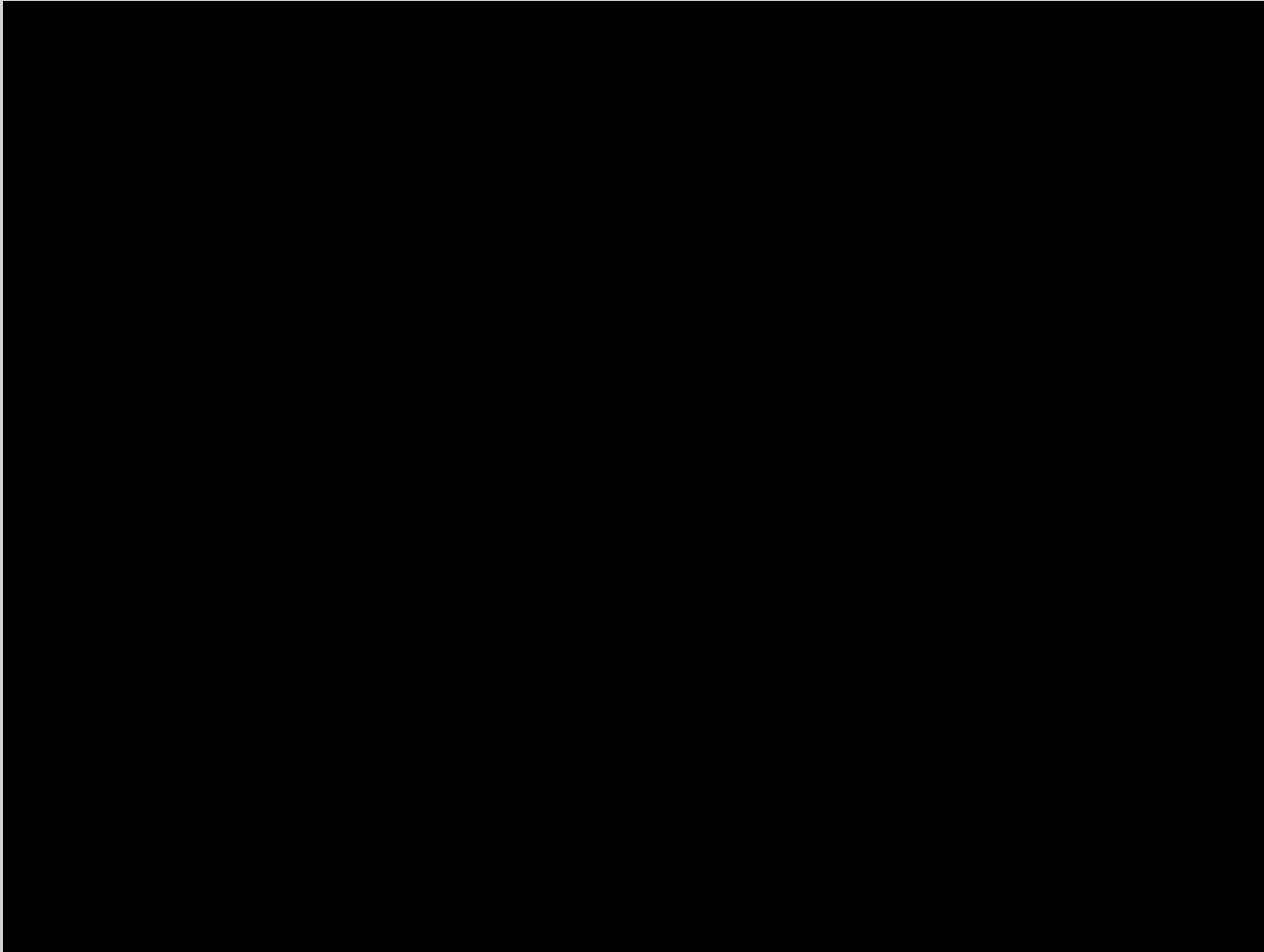
- 🔥 WINDOWS OPEN EASILY
- 🔥 OBSTACLES
- 🔥 ROOFS, BALCONIES, ESCAPE LADDERS
- 🔥 SECURITY BARS



RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLERS



Residential Fire Sprinklers



In Their Own Words



Four Years After

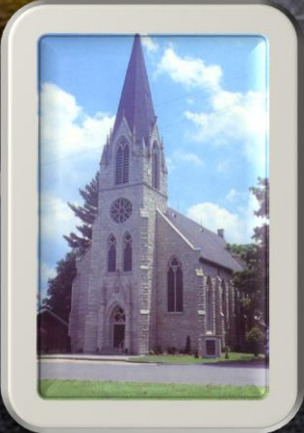


Road of Life



RULES

1. YOU CAN....
2. YOU CAN'T...
3. YOU CAN....
4. YOU CAN'T



Resources



State Fire Marshal About Fire Code Services Public Education Training Fire Reporting For Fire Departments Resources Contact

Public Education

- Articles and Newsletters
- For Intervention Specialists
- For Parents
- For Teachers and Educators
- For the Fire Service
- For Mental Health Professionals
- Useful Links

Expand All Collapse All

FOR THE FIRE SERVICE

General Information

People in the fire service are critical in identifying youth who start fires in their community. Timely information is key and helps save lives.

How You Can Help

Youth Firesetting Intervention Teams (YFIT)

This program is supported by the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association and is similar to their Fire Assistance and Support Team (FAST) initiative.

You can [find the YFIT protocol here](#).

On-site questionnaire

You can keep this on the trucks or in chief vehicles in case you come upon a youth-set fire. [This form](#) outlines critical criteria that will help decide which actions to take with a child.

If a family comes to the fire station with a child who is starting fire, please have the [intake form](#) handy for your office staff to use.

Resources For Your Community

Burn Institute's interactive website

The Burn Institute's [Fire Safe Kid website](#) is a fun, interactive place for kids to learn all about fire and burn prevention.

Keep away!

[Keep away](#) is a fun activity designed to reinforce the message that lighters and matches are tools only for grown-ups – not toys – and to help them develop visual memory skills.

Firetrap

[Firetrap](#) is a game designed to teach children to quickly get out of the house in case of a fire.

Research

[Several articles](#) are available from SOS Fires – a non-profit organization which develops and supports a wide range of intervention, communication, and training for service providers of fire involved youth – about youth-set fires.

Articles and Newsletters

Articles by Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division staff and other experts as well as our Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention newsletter are [available here](#).

More

For more activities and ideas, go to our useful links page. You can find it in the gray box on the left side of this page.

Idea Bank Videos



- In their own words
- Four years after
- False alarm
- Making good choices
- Overview

ECHO: Anything BUT Child's Play



ECHO TV is a co-production of
ECHO Minnesota, in collaboration
with health, safety, emergency and
civic agencies and partners and
Twin Cities Public Television.



Emergency Community Health and Outreach
Video available in 8 languages
Full curriculum in English

What Can You Do?



- Identify Firesetters
 - Ask the tough questions
- Join YFIT
 - There are teams throughout the state
- Is a child in **your** life overly interested in fire?
 - **Call 1-800-500-8897**



FREE

MINNESOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION PRESENTS

Youth Fire Intervention Training

Curiosity is normal; setting fires is not. The power of fire is a mystery to most people. With their first birthday candle we introduce children to fire, and promote the misconception that small fires are easily controlled. Fire is used inappropriately in advertising, in movies, on television and on YouTube.

Children have escalating access to these media which contribute significantly to youth firesetting. Arson is the fourth leading cause of fire in Minnesota. 386 youth-set fires were reported by fire departments in 2015 (*Fire in Minnesota 2015*).

Learn how to manage a program that will help to stop this dangerous behavior.

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February 22 & 23

To Register go to:
www.fire.state.mn.us
Course Registration

The goal of this National Fire Academy course is to provide skills and tools necessary to become a Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Specialist. The class includes: Introduction, Primary Prevention; Identification and Intake; Who Sets Fires and Why; Interviewing and Intervention Strategies; Introduction to NFPA 1035 Youth Firesetting Intervention.

Program Managers will learn the basics of gathering an effective YFPI team including mental health, social services, schools, juvenile justice, law enforcement professionals and more.

- POST – 12 Hours
- Certification available

Diamonds in the Microwave

