

# Fire-Related Fatalities in Raleigh

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## Introduction

This is a historical perspective of fire-related fatalities as related to emergency calls answered by the Raleigh Fire Department. The majority of these fatalities occurred within the city limits. The data is unfortunately incomplete, with gaps most likely in the 1950s. Consider this a “working document” as there are no single, decades-spanning sources. Information is scattered across multiple print, microfilm, and digital sources.

Data begins in 1948, with the deadliest fire in the city’s history. Data is primarily but not exclusively based on structural fires. Transportation-related fire deaths are excluded, with a couple listed as addendum.

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## What is a “Fire Death”?

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the United States Fire Administration define a “fire death” as:

Yes	Where exposure to fire, fire products, or explosion was the underlying cause of death, or was a contributing factor in the chain of events leading to the death.
No	Person was deceased prior to the fire. Noted with orange background.

This delineation is noted in a column in the data table, where known. The marker “yes?” indicates a fatal fire that likely meets that definition, or the absence of subsequent news stories referring to, say, homicide or criminal investigation.

## Statistics

2018 - 1	2009 - 5	1999 - 1	1989 - 2	1979 - 4	1969 - 2	1958 - 1
2017 - 4	2008 - 1	1998 - 2	1987 - 2	1978 - 4	1968 - 2	1952 - 3
2016 - 1	2007 - 4	1997 - 2	1986 - 1	1977 - 2	1967 - 1	1950 - 2
2015 - 2	2006 - 2	1996 - 8	1985 - 4	1976 - 2	1966 - 3	
2014 - 1	2005 - 2	1995 - 4	1984 - 1	1975 - 7	1965 - 1	1948 - 7
2013 - 1	2003 - 1	1994 - 4	1982 - 5	1974 - 5	1964 - 8	
2011 - 1	2002 - 3	1992 - 1	1981 - 1	1973 - 8	1963 - 1	
	2000 - 2	1991 - 3	1980 - 3	1972 - 2	1962 - 4	
		1990 - 1		1971 - 5	1961 - 1	
				1970 - 5	1960 - 5	
2010s - 11	2000s - 20	1990s - 26	1980s - 19	1970s - 44	1960s - 28	1950s - 6

## Notes

Where does the development of smoke detector technology fit into these timeframes? From Wikipedia:

- 1951 - First ionization smoke detector introduced in United States, limited to industrial and commercial usage, due to high cost.
- 1965 - First low-cost smoke detector for domestic use developed, SmokeGard700.
- 1970 - First battery-powered “single-station” smoke detector developed. Cost about \$125. Sold a few thousand per year.
- 1972 - Photoelectric (optical) smoke detector patented.
- 1975 - First mass-production of SmokeGard700.
- 1995 - Ten-year lithium-battery powered smoke alarm introduced.

## Trends

None have been analyzed! But might be in the future. Such as most frequent causes, most frequent timeframes, etc.

## Data

Criteria for inclusion:

- Occurred within city limits.

- Occurred outside city limits, with Raleigh Fire Department as mutual aid response. Note with pink backgrounds.
- Includes non-structural.
- Includes parked or non-moving vehicles.
- Excludes transportation-related.
- Multiple fatalities note with a blue background.

Nit-picking notes on language:

- “Victim” refers exclusively to persons who died.
- “Cause” refers to both cause of death and cause of fire.

Incident M - D - Y			#	Address	Structure/ Situation	Deceased Persons	Names	Causes, Notes	“Fire Death”
03	22	2018	1	3129 Riveroak Turn	Apartment, two-story	Age 16, F		Victim found in first-floor apartment. Transported to UNC burn center. Died at hospital by March 23. Fire intentionally set. Dispatched ~1:55 p.m. E18, E16, E17, E23, L3, L1, R1, B5, B1. Source: News reports, MJL.	
01	21	2018	1	1041 Avent Hill	Apartment, two-story	Adult, M		Victim found in first-floor apartment. Dispatched 7:21 a.m. Fire contained to one apartment. E6 to assist with investigation. Source: RFD-MR.	
12	08	2017	1	3808 Huntleigh Drive	House, two-story	Age 63, F	Cynthia New Benton, 63	Victim found in hallway. Transported to WakeMed, where she died. Started in kitchen and ruled accidental. Dispatched 6:11 p.m. E11, E27, E21, E9, L2, L5, R1, B1, B5, C20, C402, A2. Quickly controlled. Source: WRAL, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ya5pqfg6">http://tinyurl.com/ya5pqfg6</a> , MJL.	yes
09	04	2017	1	313 Irelan Drive	House, one-story	Adult, M		Victim found in hallway. Transported to the UNC hospital burn center. Later perished. Second adult male also rescued, from bedroom. Another occupant, their mother, was treated for minor burns. Dispatched 12:29 p.m. Fire blowing out of front door and living room window on arrival. RFD responded as automatic mutual aid. Fire extinguished within 20 minutes. RFD, WWFD, SCFD, MFD, FFD, AFD. Sources: RFD newsletter, <a href="http://raleighfirenews.org/pdf/2017-vol3.pdf">http://raleighfirenews.org/pdf/2017-vol3.pdf</a> ; oral histories.	
06	02	2017	1	7724 Brookdale Drive, outside city limits	Garage, detached, two-story	Elderly, M		Victim found in detached garage apartment, by investigators. They were requested about an hour after dispatch, and discovered the victim shortly after arrival. Dispatched 3:06 a.m. Garage fully-involved on arrival. RFD responded as automatic mutual aid. Tanker task force also requested. E28, NHFD E4, E1, T9, T10, C3, C1, RFD P153, WFD E115, WWFD E5, T2, BLFD T258. Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHFD incident posting, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yc3uehrg">http://tinyurl.com/yc3uehrg</a></li> <li>• WRAL, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yabvgzje">http://tinyurl.com/yabvgzje</a></li> <li>• WTVD, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y7m9k5jl">http://tinyurl.com/y7m9k5jl</a></li> <li>• MJL.</li> </ul>	

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03	11	2017		2600 block Appliance Court	Outdoors	Age 57, M		Victim found outdoors. Died of burns. Foul play not suspected. Fire started in homeless encampment. Dispatched about 8:45 p.m. Source: Oral histories, N&O 12MAR17.	yes
11	23	2016		4806 Tapers Drive	Apartments	Adult		Victim sustained burns and smoke inhalation. Fire started with cooking. Dispatched about 5:18 a.m. Light smoke showing from chimney on arrival. Controlled in under 20 minutes. Sources: N&O 24NOV16.	yes
04	01	2015	1	2801 Poole Road	House, one-story, abandoned	Age 32, M	Curtis Lamont Mitchell, 32	Found in hallway under a mattress as firefighters worked through rubble, with injuries from other than the fire. Cause of death not released in news reports. Cause of fire identified as intentional. One person arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Dispatched 5:30 a.m. Heavy fire on arrival. Home was abandoned. Source: N&O 14MAY15, N&O 06APR15.	NO (?)
01	02	2015	1	1914 Generation Drive	Apartment building, four-story	Age 18, F	Anastasiya Katherine Bergeron, 18	Two alarms. Dispatched ~7:20 p.m. Nothing showing on arrival. First-arriving engine found victim with burn injuries on front patio of first-floor apartment. As the firefighters started patient care, the company officer continued size-up Call upgraded to smoke showing. As searches were started, smoke and heat began building. Call upgraded to working fire. As conditions continued to worsen, second alarm was struck. Fire rendered twelve units uninhabitable. Suicide attempt by setting self on fire. Victim transported to WakeMed and then to UNC Hospital burn center. Died on January 3. Fire caused by intentional incendiary. Victim was due in court next month to face charges following a fatal crash that killed a friend last summer. First: E16, E9, E6, E17, L3, L2, R1, B5, B3, C420. Working fire: A1, C20, C401. Special called: L4. Second: E24, Sq14, E11, B4, L4, plus C2, C3, C5. Plus E20, E22, E4 for overnight fire watch. Source: N&O 06JAN15, MJL.	yes
11	27	2014	1	724 S. Saunders Street	House, one-story, vacant	Adult M		Victim found outside structure. Transported to hospital. Fire started in storage room in the rear of the house, that the victim was living in. Dispatched just before 1:00 a.m. Fire destroyed 40 percent of house. Source: Oral histories, N&O 27NOV14.	
12	13	2013	1	1325 Londonderry Circle	House, one-story	Age 78, M	Lawson William Terrell Jr., 78	Fire quickly extinguished. Victim found deceased inside home. Cause of death not released, but no foul play was found. Dispatched 10:01 p.m. Smoke showing from doors and windows on arrival. Controlled by 10:15 p.m. Sources: N&O 14DEC13, WRAL 13DEC13, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y7bpmaxc">http://tinyurl.com/y7bpmaxc</a> , RFD-MR	yes

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03	09	2011	1	211 Park Avenue	Apartment	Age 2 mo., M	Elijah Yates, 2 mo	Victim was one of four children checked by EMS for smoke exposure. Not transported. Developed breathing problems two days later on March 11 and was taken to the hospital, and died about an hour after arrival. Wife cited in news reports as believing complications from smoke inhalation caused death.  Caused by pan catching fire while cooking. Husband attempted to extinguish fire, but when he realized it was getting worse, he evacuated his family. Wife and four children were briefly trapped in bedroom, as the doorknob had broken off the night before. The room was filling with smoke as husband broke the door down to rescue them.  Dispatched 9:54 p.m. Fire displaced all fifteen residents. Source: WRAL 13MAR11, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ycgb6bfg">http://tinyurl.com/ycgb6bfg</a> .	yes
09	15	2009	1	1005 E. Millbrook Road	House, two-story	Age 35, M	Miguel Angel-Montez Moreno, 35	Victim found outside home, under collapsed brick wall. Located hours later. Fire started near "large crawlspace where there was a workshop." Caused by accidental natural gas explosion on first-floor.  Dispatched 2:55 p.m. Two alarms. First alarm: E9, E4, E19, L1, R1, B1. Working fire: E11, C10, C20, A1. Second alarm: E22, E18, E7, L2, R2, B2. Other: C1, C2, C4, C73, B4. Special called: E15, E16, E1, HM2, E6, L5. Heavy fire showing on arrival. Source: RFD-MR, N&O 16SEP09, N&O 17SEP09, MJL.	yes
06	09	2009	3	4851 Jones Sausage Road, Con-Agra	Factory	Age 67, F Age 43, F Age 33, M	Rachel Mae Poston-Pulley, 67 Barbara McLean Spears, 43 Louis Junior Watson, 33	Victims killed by industrial plant explosion and fire. Caused during of a natural gas line to an industrial water heat. Explosion blew out part of a plant wall, and caused part of the roof to collapse. Three workers were killed and dozens were injured. Victims died of head and chest injuries, when debris fell upon them.  Dispatched 11:27 a.m. Raleigh E26 dispatched as automatic mutual aid, plus RFD for subsequent haz-mat and USAR response. Sources: WRAL, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ycd8bj7h">http://tinyurl.com/ycd8bj7h</a> , MJL	yes
02	20	2009	1	2116 Millbank Street	House, one-story	Age 57, M	Elvis Pulley, 57	Victim self-evacuated with serious burns. Despite injuries, he walked to neighbor's house to call 911, and "walked to the ambulance when it arrived." Died February 21 at UNC Hospital burn center, after suffering burns over 60% of body and internal injuries from smoke inhalation. Fire started when he tried to fill kerosene heater with gasoline, and it exploded.  Dispatched 8:23 a.m. Fire burning in front rooms on arrival. Controlled within ten minutes. Source: N&O 20FEB09, N&O 21FEB09, RFD-MR.	yes
02	09	2008	1	704 Princeton Street	House	Age 61, F	Sharon Bugbee, 61	House fully involved on arrival. Victim found in bedroom. Second occupant transported to UNC hospital with burns. No smoke detectors were found in the home.  Dispatched 3:35 a.m. Controlled in about 45 minutes. Source: N&O 10FEB08, WRAL <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ybs5jnc5">http://tinyurl.com/ybs5jnc5</a> .	yes?
03	15	2007	1	1113 Upchurch Street	Triplex, one-story	Age 29, M	Michael Jameson Gunter, 29	Victim found in front bedroom and rescued by firefighters. Transported to WakeMed, and pronounced deceased. Fire started in kitchen area.  Dispatched ~4:00 a.m. Fire discovered by patrolling police officer, who knocked on doors, which helped ten other residents evacuate. Heavy fire on arrival. Damage about \$25,000. Source: N&O 16MAR07, WRAL, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/yd9vh5yr">http://tinyurl.com/yd9vh5yr</a>	yes

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02	22	2007	3	305 Roselle Court, Pines of Ashton	Apartment Building, two-story	Age 34, M Age 26, F Age 1, F	Noureddine Elamrani, 34 Rosa Elena Carranza-Morales, 26 Dayna Sofia Elamrani-Carranza, 1	Victims found by firefighters, all deceased. Autopsies found Noureddine died from self-inflicted gunshot, after stabbing Rosa and setting fire to apartment, and Dayna may have died from alcohol poisoning. Dispatched around 2:45 p.m. Callers reported an explosion. Dispatched shortly before six-alarm fire at Pine Knoll Townes. Fire displaced 17 people. Two alarms. First: E12, E11, E3, L11, R7, B3. Second: E1, E10, E26, R14, L1, B3, C5, A8 Source: N&O 24FEB07 and others, MJL.	NO
11	22	2006	1	5501 Round Hill Lane	House, one- story	Age 70, F	Virginia Cashing Miller, 70	Found by firefighters in bedroom, where fire appeared to have started. Victim badly burned and transported to UNC Hospital burn center, where she died. Firefighters returned to the neighborhood and offered to check, replace batteries in, and install new smoke detectors in about twenty homes. Source: N&O 23NOV06, N&O 06DEC06	yes?
08	06	2006	1	544 Rose Lane	House, one- story	Age 69, M	Robert Edward Henry, 69	Victim found inside, trapped inside after a wall collapsed upon him. Wife escaped but with critical burn. She was found unconscious and lying in the back yard. Firefighters suspected that the victim pulled his wife from the home and then went back inside to make sure his great-grandchildren were not trapped inside. They lived with them, but were staying elsewhere that night. Fire started near garage and spread toward bedroom. Fire also discovered by granddaughter, who lived across the street. Her husband ran to the house and tried to open one of the doors. He kicked and pushed at it, "but as the fire raged against it from the other side" the door wouldn't budge. Dispatched about 6:00 a.m. One-story dwelling well-involved on arrival, with second-alarm requested on arrival. Defensive operations with fire extending into yard and a van in the driveway. Three alarms. First: E12 E7 E3 T1 R7 B2. Second: E10 E1 E13 T11 R14 B3 Third: E2 E11 E5 T26 R19 B1. Also: C5 C1 C3 C4 C198 SR5. Source: N&O 07AUG06, WRAL, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9ec22xw">http://tinyurl.com/y9ec22xw</a> , MJL	
10	07	2005	2	128 Groveland Avenue	Duplex, two- story plus full basement	Age 19, M Age 22, M	Dylan Cody Pilkington, 19 Mark Brandon Davis, 22	Victims found on top floor of duplex. One was found in a bathroom, apparently trying to escape through a window that led to a roof over the front door. Both likely died of smoke inhalation, with alcohol intoxication a "significant contributing condition" for one of them. Third occupant jumped from second-story window and was transported with injuries. Ten men and women were inside when fire started in a ground-floor game room. Caused by carelessness, by cigarette left burning on a sofa, after an earlier party that ended about 4:30 a.m. Fire apparently smoldered for a couple hours. No charges were filed. Rented building was home to eight members of small engineering fraternity. The "half of the duplex" where the fire started had smoke alarms, but not in required locations on any of the three floors. Only two were present, on in second-floor bedroom and one on table in basement bedroom. The building did not have sprinklers. Fire reported at 6:38 a.m. Front of house was fully-involved on arrival. Source: N&O 08OCT05, N&O 26OCT05, N&O 16DEC05.	yes
02	02	2003	1	509 Glenwood Avenue	High Rise	Age 55, M-B	Philip George Moultrie, 55	Fifth-floor apartment. Victim found on living room floor. Pronounced dead on the scene. Apparently started by smoking. Dispatched 2:28 p.m. Fire confined to victim's apartment. Source: N&O 03FEB03, NC-DI.	yes

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07	12	2002	2	3409 Mill Tree Road, Lexington Farms	Apartment	Age 88 F-W	Lucia Hortenza Jurevics, 88	<p>Victim found deceased on arrival. Cause determined as accidental, started in kitchen when either sleeve or dish towel caught fire. Fire contained to kitchen and dining area.</p> <p>Both occupants were wheelchair-bound. Reported by husband, who pressed a button on his Life alert system, after wife's hair and clothes caught fire. The company contacted the fire department, after hearing the "activated fire alarm" in the background.</p> <p>They also contacted their adult granddaughter, who came to the complex. She arrived before the fire department and rescued her grandfather. The granddaughter's screams brought workmen to the apartment. They tried to rescue her grandmother, but could not due to the flames and heat.</p> <p>Both husband and granddaughter was transported to Rex Hospital for smoke inhalation.</p> <p>Note: Victim's husband, Arvid Christian Jurevics, 99, died on August 20. Unknown if death was related to the fire.</p> <p>Dispatched about 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Source: N&amp;O 13JUL02, WRAL <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y7cv6v3d">http://tinyurl.com/y7cv6v3d</a>, NC-DI.</p>	yes
02	28	2002	1	115 Salem Circle, North Hills Terrace (Former courtyard in 4500 block of Lassiter Mill Road)	Apartment	Age 88, F-W	Dolly Beatrice Pardue, 88	<p>Victim found deceased . Fire started in second-floor bedroom. Caused by falling halogen lamp. Four residents were also transported and treated for smoke inhalation.</p> <p>Dispatched 3:20 a.m. Fire through roof on arrival and multiple occupants trapped on balconies, requiring rescue. Victim, elderly female, reported missing in a second-floor bedroom. Three or four rescue attempts were made, including one firefighter, District Chief Frank Warner, who "scaled" the rear balcony and entered the building without breathing apparatus. He was able to reach the bedroom door before smoke and heat turned him back. He was treated for smoke inhalation. The roof later collapsed on that section of the building.</p> <p>Three alarms. First: E9, E11, E15, R9, 11, C51. Second: E16, E19, T22, R14, C52. Third: E10, E18, T1. Also: SR5, C1, C3, C4, C5, C10, C12, C71.</p> <p>Source: N&amp;O 01MAR02, NC-DI, MJL</p>	yes
02	26	2002	1	602 E. South Street	House, one-story	Age 88, F-B	Ava Lee Terrell, 88	<p>Victim found in kitchen after fire controlled. Possible gas stove explosion.</p> <p>Reported at 9:23 a.m. Fast-moving fire "destroyed" the home.</p> <p>Source: N&amp;O 27FEB02, NC-DI</p>	yes
07	30	2000	1	752 Saint George Street	House, one-story	Age 73, F-B	Dorothy White Gaither, 73	<p>Victim rescued by firefighters, found in hallway. She was wheelchair-bound. Suffered second- and third-degree burns and smoke inhalation. Transported to WakeMed and then to UNC Hospital burn center. Died August 1. Caused by lit cigarette left on couch in living room.</p> <p>Dispatched 10:08 a.m.</p> <p>Source: N&amp;O 02AUG00, NC-DI.</p>	Yes
03	02	2000	1	4917-C Dana Drive	Apartment	Age 22, M-W	Ken Stuart Carroll, 22	<p>Victim was deceased on arrival at WakeMed. Two other occupants escaped. Smoke detector awoke male roommate, who escaped through his bedroom window. He went to the front of the building, broke a second window, with help of an off-duty firefighter, pulled the second male roommate to safety. Caused by food left cooking on stove.</p> <p>Dispatched 3:38 a.m.</p> <p>Source: N&amp;O 03MAR00, NC-DI.</p>	Yes
04	24	1999	1	Virginia Street	House	Age 66, M-W	Ganavies Gehover Frazier Jr., 66	<p>Victim found in bedroom "remote from the fire."</p> <p>Dispatched 11:54 p.m. House fully involved on arrival.</p> <p>Source: NC-DI, WRAL <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9qg6fdz">http://tinyurl.com/y9qg6fdz</a></p>	

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11	05	1998	1	5708 [or 6007] Hillsborough St., outside city	Apartment			Victim suffered burns. Transported to hospital. Dispatched 11:31 p.m. as verbal alarm for E8, T8. Also dispatched for county fire departments. Found fully-involved apartment fire on arrival, with EMS packaging burn victim. Alternate address 6007 Hillsborough Street. Source: Lee Wilson notes, RFD-HR.	
03	06	1998	1	3916 St. James Church Road, outside city	House	Age 46, M-W	James Harvey Haithcock, 46	Fire started to cover up a burglary. Victim died at WakeMed. Cause "Occlusion of cerebral arteries: Cerebral artery occlusion, unspecified" and "foreign body in pharynx and larynx". RFD Dispatched 5:13 p.m. RFD responded to relieve New Hope FD and finish extinguishing. Sources: N&O 09MAR98, NC-DI, RFD-HR	NO
02	20	1997	2	4619 Pine Trace	Townhouse	Age 10, M-B Age 5, F-B	Antonio Denard Rice, 10 Patrice Renee Rice, 5	Victims rescued by father. The two children had been left alone. Mother went to work about 6:00 a.m. Investigators believe the children were upstairs, getting ready for school, at the time of the fire. The smoke detector was still beeping. Victims were found by father, who had gone there after the children didn't show up at work. Mother was unable to reach anyone at the home by telephone. Caused by drying clothes in microwave. The oven overheated and ignited nearby flammables. Though the fire produced few flames, it created deadly smoke and gasses. Dispatched at 9:15 a.m. as a code blue for Engine 17. They found a Code II house fire on arrival, and two children in cardiac arrest. Source: N&O 21FEB97, NC-DI, RFD-HR	Yes
08	04	1996	2	1006 Norris Street	House	Age 25, F-W Age 26, M-W	Wendy Dawn Butler, 25 Christopher Wisedell Lewis, 26	Victims found on floor of her bedroom (Wendy) and lying on the floor of the kitchen (Norris) in the rear of the house, where he "appeared to have fallen asleep." Candle or incense burned most likely started fire. Smoke detector disconnected, apparently inadvertently when a ceiling fan was installed about two weeks ago by a worker hired by the home's owner. Dispatched at 8:58 a.m. as medical nature unknown for Rescue 7. They found a deceased male on floor and evidence of a fire. They requested Engine 7, and then found the second victim in a bedroom. Fire started about 3:00 a.m. Reported by friend of Wendy, who went to the house after Wendy failed to show up at her job. He entered through an unlocked door and found the victims. Source: N&O 05AUG96, N&O 06AUG96, RFD-HR.	Yes
07	08	1996	1	Sunnybrook Road	House	Age 49, F-W	Shirley Mclester Brantley, 49	Victim found in yard, was preparing to mow lawn. Died of burns, after gasoline ignited while refilling mower. Cause suspected as possibly smoking while using the gasoline. Source: N&O 09?JUL96, NC-DI.	Yes
04	21	1996	1	604-B Peach Road	Duplex	Age 5, M-B	Christopher Jameal Cooper, 5	Victim found lying on floor in bedroom in rear of building. Found after fire was extinguished. Two other children escaped along with mother. Caused by candle, lit by 11-year-old girl in bedroom, who fell asleep. Home had been without power for several days and the family was using candles. No smoke detector was present. Last month, the landlord was cited for not meeting minimum codes, including smoke detectors. Dispatched 10:36 p.m. E2 first-due. Source: N&O 01MAY96, N&O 23APR96.	Yes



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02	02	1996	4	462 Dorothea Drive, Heritage Park Apartments	Apartment, two-story	Age 9, F-B Age 6, F-B Age 4, M-B Age 3, F-B	Chastity Natasha Wilder, 9 Ashley Clare Wilder, 6 Rogedrick Wilder, 4 Shatona Angela Wilder, 3	One victim rescued by EMS from first floor. Two others located in second floor bedrooms. Rogedrick was transported to UNC Hospital burn unit, with severe burns as well as head injuries after jumping from a second-story window. He died on May 13. Investigators believed the fire intentional, but no evidence of accelerant or flammable liquid was found. Police later received witness statement of suspect seen on site with a gas can. Charges of capital murder and arson were filed. Suspect acquitted in October 1997, after week-long presentation of evidence. Jury members cited insufficient evidence and too many questions unanswered. Dispatched 02:24 a.m. Controlled in about an hour. Two alarms. First: E1, E13, T1, R7, C52, C5. Second, for manpower: E2, E5, T8, R6, C53. Source: N&O 19OCT97, N&O 18OCT97, NC-DI, RFD-HR, MJL	Yes
12	12	1995	1	2515 Clark Avenue	House	Age 60, M-W	Lemuel Marion Shirley, 60	Victim found in bedroom in back of house. Fire started in basement. Caused by overloaded electrical circuit. Contained to rear bedroom. Victim's mother escaped from home. Victim was an electronics repairman and "avid communications specialist who had a radio antenna in his backyard." Dispatched 11:38 a.m. Crews remained on scene until about 9:30 p.m. Fire reported again about 6:30 a.m. Investigators returned to the scene, to determine the cause of the second fire. There was no electrical power to the home at the time of the second fire. Source: N&O 13DEC95, N&O 14DEC95, NC-DI.	Yes
11	22	1995	1	1605 Park Drive	House, two- story	Age 69, F-W	Ethel Mae Casey, 69	Victim found in downstairs room several hours after fire. Cause considered accidental. City officials in July received complaints from longtime neighbors that her home was cluttered with years of accumulated newspapers and other items. City inspector had some of those things removed in October. Victim was a noted professional singer and prominent widow of longtime NCSU athletic director. Dispatched 06:43 a.m. E5, E13, T1, C52, E6, SR5. Housed fully involved on arrival. Source: N&O 23NOV95, NC-DI, RFD-HR.	Yes
04	15	1995	1	734-C Quarry Street	Apartment House, one- story, three apartments	Age 38, F-B	Teresa Ward, 38	Victim located in rear bedroom during primary search. Husband attempted to rescue her, with two other men. Husband transported to Wake Medical Center with burns on hands. Caused by faulty wiring to an electric space heater. Investigators found that the cord had been spliced together. Dispatched 9:31 p.m. Damage limited to rear apartment. Source: N&O 16APR95, N&O 17APR95, N&O 25APR95, NC-DI.	Yes
01	21	1995	1	520 S. Saunders Street	House	Age 87, F-B	Mary Matthews Jones, 87	Victim found in room in front of house. Died of smoke inhalation. Cause determined as gas heater too close to stuff chair. Dispatched 10:08 p.m. E13, E1, T1. Source: N&O 22JAN95, N&O 09FEB95, RFD-HR, NC-DI.	Yes
11	19	1994	1	705 Darby Street		Age 42, M-B	Albert Methadus Perry Jr., 42	Victim found in closet of left-rear bedroom, deceased. Dispatched 03:57 a.m. E3, E10, T1, R7, C52. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DI.	

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05	10	1994	3	717 Church Street	House	Age 12, M-B Age 8, M-B Age 7, F-B	Jerel Octavius Maryland, 12 Shameek Dakee Maryland, 8 Nina Michelle Maryland, 7	Victims found in a hallway. Died of smoke inhalation. Fire started in a bedroom, but not the one where the children were sleeping. Caused by candle left burning my mother, who had left the house, in home without power, disconnected the prior month by power company. Home had a smoke detector but with a very weak battery. Fire stated between 10:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Source N&O 12MAY94, N&O11MAY94, NC-DI.	Yes
12	19	1992	1	710 W. Jones Street	Apartment house, two- story	Age 87, F-W	Mary Cletus Speagle, 87	Victim found near door of first-floor apartment. Apparently overcome by smoke while trying to escape. Suspected as started from electrical problem near front of building. Dispatched 12:37 a.m. Two alarms. First: E13, E1, T1, R6, C52. Second: E5, E6, T8, R7, C51. Fire had spread through much of the building by the time the fire department arrived. Eleven people displaced. Building had eight apartments: two in basement, four on ground floor, and two on second floor. Source: N&O 20DEC92, 21DEC92, NC-DI, MJL.	Yes
07	07	1991	1	1333 Hardimont Road, Montecito Apartments	Apartment	Age 32, M-W	James Robert Coleman, 32	Victim found in front, second-story apartment. Died of smoke inhalation. Started in victim's apartment. Dispatched ~2:07 a.m. Three alarms. First: E4, E9, T11, C51. Second: E15, E19, T15, R6, R7, SR1. Third, relief: E5 (for E4), E18 (for E19), E13 (for E15). Fire was venting through the roof on arrival. Victims found during secondary search. Fire started in victim's apartment and spread quickly through the entire building via the attic. Destroyed 12 of 16 apartments and displaced 23 people. Source: N&O 08JUL91, NC-DI, MJL	yes?
02	28	1991	2	2506 S. Saunders Street	Duplex, two- story, vacant	Age 40, M-W Age 29, M-W	Raul Gonzalez, 40 Angel Rivera Diaz, 29	Victims found on the second floor, where they had been trapped by the fire. They apparently became disoriented and could find their way out. Third occupant escaped and was hospitalized for smoke inhalation. Started when flames spread from a makeshift grill. No smoke detectors were present. House had been condemned in September, and the three occupants were apparently homeless labors. Dispatched 12:37 a.m. Source: N&O 01MAR91, RFD-HR, NC-DI.	Yes
01	27	1990	1	6007 Applewood Lane	Apartment	Age 37, F-W	Brenda Anne Stall, 37	Body found within apartment. Two residents escaped, awakened by smoke alarm. They jumped to safety from the second story, and attempted to re-enter to rescue their overnight guest, but were overcome by heat and smoke. Caused not determined after several days of investigation by multiple agencies. Fire started about 4:00 a.m. Fully-involved on arrival. Source: N&O, 28JAN90, NC-DI, oral histories <sup>1</sup> .	
12	01	1989	1	100 Gardner Street	Apartment	Age 37, M-W	Joseph Alexander Kirchgassner III, 37	Found unconscious in bedroom in second-story apartment. Transported to Rex Hospital, where he died. Died of smoke inhalation. Caused by unattended pot on stove. Dispatched 11:14 p.m. Source: 02DEC89, NC-DI	yes

<sup>1</sup> Fire was also fought by Legeros, his first fire during his short tenure as a city firefighter.

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04	01	1989	1	1635 Old Wake Forest Road, Glen Harvell Auto Service	Camper trailer	Age 53, F-B	Emma Jean Coppedge, 53	Found deceased in bed of 15-foot camper trailer. Victim was asleep on bed with husband, who awoke, saw the fire, and tried to wake his wife. "He barely had enough time to get out" and escaped without injury. Cause determined as hot plate that was sitting on, and too close to combustibles. Trailer was parked in yard of a service station. Fire reported by police officer who was on patrol, and found the husband in the yard. By that time, the trailer was fully-involved. Dispatched 12:29 a.m. E7, E11, T11, R7. Source: N&O 02APR89, RFD-HR	yes?
12	05	1987	1	4604 Dansey Drive	Apartment, two-story, eight units	Age 3, M-W	Corey Thomas Jones, 3	Victim found in closet. Died of smoke inhalation. Apparently started on a couch in a first-floor apartment, possibly by victim playing with lighter or matches. The fire was further fueled by artificial logs that were sitting on the couch. Other factors that further helped the spread included low humidity, the apartment door left open, and the building's open stairwell, said officials. Fire discovered by aunt, who was babysitting the victim. She had been in the bathroom and found the couch on fire. She looked for the boy, and tried to put out the fire with her hands, before running from the apartment. He had likely tried to escape the fire by hiding. Several neighbors tried to rescue the victim from the burning apartment, but were "turned back by the flames." Dispatched about 5:30 p.m. Two alarms. Building "engulfed in flames" on arrival. Four of eight apartments destroyed. Seven families displaced. Source: N&O 06DEC87, N&O 07DEC87, NC-DI, RFD-HR	yes
01	08	1987	1	2209 Noble Road	Apartment	Age 41, M- Native Am	Johnny Lee Morgan, 41	Victim found in bathroom, in bathtub, while crews were ventilating the smoke-filled apartment. Firefighters found a smoldering mattress. [Caused by smoking?] Died of smoke-inhalation. Dispatched about 8:00 a.m. Source: 09JAN87, NC-DI	yes
03	08	1986	1	2712 Evers Drive	Vehicle, Car	Age 51, M-B	Johnny Rudolph O'Neal, 51	Body found in abandoned car parked next to house. Believed started by cigarette. Victim believed to have fallen asleep while smoking. Dispatched about 12:00 a.m. Source: N&O 09MAR86, NC-DI	yes
12	16	1985	2	308 Freeman Street	Duplex, one- story	Age 62, M Age 70s, Male	Allen Moore, 62 Walter Smith, 70s	Victims found (1) in backyard, with clothes burned off and (2) inside room with an oil heater. Fire started in same room. Believed to be accidental. Dispatched 11:55 p.m. E3, E1, T1, C52, R7. Fully involved on arrival, three rooms burned. Source: N&O 12DEC85, RFD-HR	Yes
12	10	1985	1	2304 Bernard Street	Apartments	Age 51, F	Mary Elizabeth Bailey, 51	Victim found near front door. Mother of firefighter Donnie Wall, who was one of the first to arrive. He helped fight the fire until a District Chief realized that the resident was his mother's. He was taken back to the station. Dispatched 3:46 a.m. E4, E6, T11, R6, C51, E9, T5. Fully-involved on arrival. Controlled "in a short time." Source: N&O 11DEC85, RFD-HR	
04	11	1985	1	517 Granite Street	Apartment	Age 2, F	Starkesha Laquon McLeod, 2	Victim died from burns. Caused by hot object on couch. Victim had been left alone by sister, who was babysitting, and had gone next door to telephone her mother when the fire started. Dispatched 10:09 a.m. E2, E13, E5, C2, R6. Source: N&O 14APR85, NC-DI, RFD-HR.	yes

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08	13	1984	1	3013 Rothgeb Drive	House, one-story	Age 63, F	Betty Ellington Briggs, 63	<p>Victim found in kitchen (?), after apparently attempted to extinguish fire herself. Fire extinguisher was found on the floor. It had been used but not empty. Victim apparently went into the kitchen to get water, and the sink was still running when firefighters entered the house. Started in an easy chair, likely from cigarette or smoldering ashes.</p> <p>Reported by neighbors, one of whom had "thought she smelled smoke" hours earlier. Her husband checked around their house, across the street, and found nothing. Wife was awake after watching the Olympics until 2:00 a.m. Seeing the flames, she awoke her grandsons, and then ran around the victim's home, beating on the doors and windows, but "got no response."</p> <p>Dispatched 4:42 a.m. Fully-involved on arrival, with flames coming through the roof. It took about thirty minutes before the fire was controlled enough to allow crews to enter the house. House was a total loss.</p> <p>Source: RT 13AUG84, NC-DI.</p>	Yes
04	29	1982	4	537 E. Jones Street	Apartment House, two-story	Age 45, F Age 40, M Age 16, F Age 2, M	Dazelle Baker, 45 Frances Baker, 16, daughter Chante Maurice Barnes, 2, grandson Ralph Eason Jr., 40	<p>Victims found in three bedrooms of a second-floor apartment. Died of smoke inhalation. Caused by electrical heater that burned through upstairs floor and ignited fuel of motorcycle parked in ground floor hallway. Burning debris fell onto the first floor and burned away the rubber fuel line, which caused gasoline to leak and spread. No smoke detectors were present.</p> <p>Fire discovered by a newspaper carrier. He rang neighboring doorbells, trying to report the fire, but no one answered. Then a passing taxi stopped and the driver reported the fire to his dispatcher. Then the two went to the burning house and began throwing objects at the windows, to alert the residents.</p> <p>Front of building fully-involved on arrival. Others escaped including two who jumped to safety but were injured, one transported to Wake Memorial Hospital and one to UNC Hospital burn center. Fire was contained within 45 minutes. Building was gutted.</p> <p>Dispatched 4:05 a.m. E3, E7, T1, R7, C5, E13. \$64,000 damage.</p> <p>Sources: RT 29APR82, RT 30APR82, N&amp;O 30APR82, RFD-HR</p>	yes
03	12	1982	1	1359 Walnut Street	Apartment	Age 7 mo, M	William Anthony Bagley, 7 mo	<p>Body found in bedroom. Cause by cigarette lighter on couch by child.</p> <p>Reported about 6:30 a.m. Fire discovered by police officer on patrol. He kicked in the front door, and found mother, brother, and two children huddled in downstairs kitchen. Two other officers arrived and the three officers made several attempts to rescue the William, who was in a second-story bedroom. One climbed the stairs and tried crawling on his knees, because the smoke was so thick, but couldn't breathe. "It was like walking into a burning tire" said a firefighter of the smoke conditions.</p> <p>Dispatched 6:30 a.m. E13, E2, R7. \$3,500 damage.</p> <p>Source: RT 12MAR82, RFD-HR.</p>	yes
02	08	1981	1	2520 Garner Road	Mobile Home	Adult, M	John Wesley Elloit	<p>Fully-involved on arrival. Victim burned while lying in bed in back of trailer. Fire started close to electric furnace in middle of trailer.</p> <p>Dispatched 4:40 a.m. Damage over \$10,000.</p> <p>Source: RFD-HR.</p>	yes
05	17	1980	1	5206 Vann Street	Apartment	Age 32, F	Sarah Rachel Kirkpatrick, 32	<p>Victim found in living room, on the floor. Victim deceased, and burned beyond recognition.</p> <p>Dispatched 12:40 p.m. E8, E14, C6.</p> <p>Source: N&amp;O 19MAY80, N&amp;O 23MAY80, RFD-HR.</p>	

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03	04	1980	1	1407 Pender Street	House	Age 64, M	Frank Dunn Jr., 64	Victim rescued by nephew and taken to neighbor's house. Transported to Wake Medical Center, deceased on arrival. Believed died of heat and smoke inhalation. Fire started in first floor bedroom, by oil heater placed too close to wall. It burned through the floor and the wall of adjoining apartment. Dispatched shortly after midnight. E3, E7. Loss \$12,000. Source: N&O 05MAY80, RFD-HR.	yes
02	15	1980	1	Lake Boone Trail under Beltline	Construction site	Age 31, M-W	Roger Wayne Moore, 31	Victim was workman at construction site. Died of burn injuries. Caused by gas explosion from welding torch, either a leak in the oxygen-acetylene hose feeding the torch or methane gas in the pipe that had accumulated from the clay in the surrounding earth. Another worker attempted to reach the victim, but was driven back by the smoke. The fire inside the 24-inch metal pipe was extinguished after two hours. Source: RT 16FEB80, NC-DI.	yes
08	26	1979	1	825 Young Street	House	Age 39, M	Jerry Wayne Cook, 39	Victim died of smoke inhalation. Transported to Rex Hospital, and pronounced deceased on arrival. Caused suspected as cigarette on couch, after falling asleep while smoking. Dispatched about 6:30 a.m. Interior of two-bedroom house was destroyed. Damaged estimated \$27,000. Source: N&O 27AUG79.	yes
07	19	1979	1	716 Virginia Avenue	House, one-story	Age 52, F	Margaret Jacobs St Antoine, 52	Victim found in a chair in the living room. Fire quickly extinguished. Victim was deceased and badly burned. Fire originated in living room behind the sofa. Caused suspected as electrical short in lamp cord that ignited nearby combustibles. Dispatched 10:07 a.m. Damage estimated \$3,200. Fire discovered by two maintenance men driving by. They attempted to rescue the victim and extinguish the fire using dry chemical extinguishers, but were pushed back by the intense heat. Firefighters arrived and found the living room fully involved. Source: RT 19JUL79, NC-DI, RFD-HR.	yes
04	17	1979	1	1121 Boyer Street	House	Age 67, M	George Allen, 67	Victim found lying in front of the back door. Apparently died of heat and smoke inhalation. Apparently started by smoking, which set chair on fire. Victim lived alone and had apparently been drinking. He died about 5:45 p.m. Source: N&O 18APR79.	yes
04	10	1979	1	215 Park Avenue	Apartment	Age 2, M	Nathanial William Tullis, 2	Fire found in upstairs bedroom. Victim found in bedroom, on floor, under end of mattress, deceased from burns and smoke. Two other children escaped unharmed. Fire started on coffee table and spread to carpet and beds. Believed started by children playing matches and a cigarette lighter. Mother was sleeping when fire started. She awoke, smelled smoke, put a towel over her face, but couldn't get out of the bedroom. She realized she was about to pass out, so she telephoned her husband, who worked at an ice cream shop in Cameron Village, and he called the fire department. "I was so shook up" she said in news reports. The mother repeatedly tried to rescue her son, but the smoke was too thick and almost caused her to lose consciousness. The husband rushed home and extinguished the flames with buckets of water. Dispatched 12:48 p.m. E5, E13, T1, R12, C6. Source: RFD-HR.	yes

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04	27	1978	1	526 Dorothea Drive, Heritage Park Apartments	Apartment	Age 5, F	Janet Graves, 5	Fire found on first floor. Victim found in upstairs bedroom, lying on a bed. Transported to Wake Medical Center. Reported in critical condition the following day and later died. Three other children escaped unharmed. Started by child playing with lighter in living room, setting couch on fire. Four children had been left alone since 2:00 p.m., while mother visited her mother at 707 Florence Street.  Dispatched 3:57 p.m. E13, E2, T1. Fire extinguished before spreading to other rooms, though apartment had heat and smoke damage. Source: N&O 28APR78, RFD-HR.	yes
03	04	1978	1	202 Selwin Avenue	Duplex, one-story	Age 48, M	John Ivey Clark, 48	Victim found lying on floor in back bedroom. Cause initially reported as probably from cigarette left burn. Subsequently determined as portable kerosene stove in bedroom that was turned on or knocked over and ignited surrounding materials.  Dispatched ~2:00 p.m. Heavily-involved on arrival. Crews worked for over two hours to extinguish the fire, which had spread quickly into the attic of the one-bedroom house. Source: RT 06MAR78, RFD-HR.	Yes
03	04	1978	1	725 E. Bragg Street	House	Age 45, M	George Rapheal Clemmons, 45	Victim found in chair in living room. Victim was not burned. Caused by malfunctioning oil heater in rear bedroom, which spread fire through room, into kitchen, and into attic.  Dispatched 8:44 a.m. Damage over \$10,000. Left-rear of building was fully-involved on arrival. Crews worked for over 90 minutes to extinguish the blaze. Source: RT 06MAR78, NC-DI, RFD-HR.	Yes
02	01	1978	1	3708 Oak Park Road	House	Age 25, M	Frederick Ward Raiter, 25	Died of smoke inhalation. Caused by cigarette in living room.  Dispatched 5:23 a.m. E6, E9, T5, R9. Discovered by person delivering newspapers. He knocked on the door, attempting to awaken occupants. With no answer, he went next door and woke a neighbor. Both he and the neighbor attempted to enter the burning home, but heat and smoke kept them out. The front door was not locked. The neighbor's wife called the fire department. Source: N&O (?) 02FEB78, RFD-HR.	yes
05	04	1977	1	2343-N Foxridge Manor	Apartment	Age 22, M	Bradley Shipman, 22	Victim found on the floor in the front of the apartment, deceased. Rescue was attempted by a neighbor, who was burned and treated and released from Wake Medical Center. Crews sprayed water for about ten minutes before being able to remove the victim, who was deceased. Cause suspected as cigarette while victim was sleeping on sofa.  Dispatched 2:05 a.m. Damage estimated at \$10,000. Source: RT 04MAY77, RFD-HR.	yes
02	19	1977	1	2213 Coley Forest Place	House		Curtis Lee Smith	Victim found in dining area, partially under dining room table. Deceased upon discovery. All other occupants were away at the time of the fire.  Dispatched 3:31 a.m. E14, E6, T6, C6. Source: RFD-HR.	
01	27	1976	2	516 Alston Street		Age 4, M Age 18 mo, F	Antonio Lee Dunn, 4 Tonika Michelle Dunn, 18 months	Caused by candle burning on television in first-floor bedroom, which overturned and caught television on fire. Tonika deceased at the time of the fire. Antonio transported to hospital and died on January 29. Power had been disconnected to the residence the day before the fire. Mother had been using candles to light the home.  Dispatched 8:27 a.m. Source: N&O 28JAN76 [need copy], NC-DI, RFD-HR.	yes

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12	24	1975	2	813 S. Person Street	Boarding House, two- story	Age 62, M-B Age 37, M-B	Silas Chatman, 62 Addie Bud Reid Jr., 37	<p>Victims found (1) in first-floor bedroom on bed and (2) second-floor bathroom, with door shut, laying on floor. Both died of cardiorespiratory failure from smoke inhalation and "massive burns." Started in first-floor bedroom, after an occupant was cold and placed electric heater on bed, which overturned and ignited bedding materials.</p> <p>Dispatched 12:17 a.m. E1, E3, T7. Chatman was an invalid who walked with a cane, and his inability to walk quickly may have resulted in his death. Building owner attempted to rescue Chatham, using an iron bar to break through the door, but flames leaped out and "forced his retreat." Two other occupants escaped, one by jumping from second-story windows. Cinderblock structure with eight rooms.</p> <p>Source: RT 24DEC75, RFD-HR, NC-DC.</p>	yes
12	29	1975	1	Old Trinity Road, DOT maintenance yard	Asphalt Tank	Age 32, M-W	Clarence Wady Lee, 32	<p>Died of "thermal/asphalt burns." Caused by welding which started an explosion and fire.</p> <p>Victim was atop a 10,000 gallon tank, which contained 5,000 gallons of liquid asphalt, which exploded as welders were attaching a safety platform to the tank. Safety procedures had not been followed and the tank had not been emptied. Victim was an inmate from Triangle Correction Center, assigned to highway maintenance.</p> <p>Dispatched just before 11:30 a.m. Raleigh FD responded as mutual aid.</p> <p>Source: RT 29DEC75</p>	yes
12	13	1975	1	4813 Brookhaven Drive	House, split- level	Age 16, M	Geoffrey Neal Martin, 16	<p>Victim found in first-floor bedroom. Died of smoke inhalation before being badly burned. Caused by cigarette left burning in reclining chair in first-floor living room.</p> <p>Two other youths escaped unharmed, one who opened the garage door upon escaping. The noise of the garage door awoke the second young, who escaped through a front door. The opening of the garage door also likely gave air to the fire and help the fire spread quickly to the "dry, wood paneling between the bedroom and the garage" on the first floor.</p> <p>Dispatched 2:35 a.m. E6, E9, T6, R9. Left wing of house fully-involved arrival.</p> <p>Source: RT 14DEC75, N&amp;O 14DEC75, N&amp;O 16DEC75, RFD-HR</p>	yes
11	18	1975	1	McBryde Building, Dorothea Dix	Hospital	Age 20, M-W	David H. Bulluck, 20	<p>Victim was patient on Ward 201. Fire started when fellow patient set fire to a piece of cloth, then tried to stamp out the fire and accidentally kicked it onto/under the victim's bed. No alarm was raised on the ward, as the patients were "profoundly retarded" and only watched without action. Victim was mute unable to call for help, and had impaired walking abilities. Staff came to the rescue when the ward's smoke detector started sounding. Victim died of extensive "thermal burns" on November 22.</p> <p>No charges were filed due to lack of criminal intent and suspect's low IQ. Hospital had policy of barring matches of barring patients from having matches, but it was "almost impossible to police the patients." The patient who started the fire was reportedly found with matches twice during the day of the fatal fire. Since the fire, matches were also removed from cigarette vending machines premise. Fire started around midnight, during the shift change.</p> <p>Source: N&amp;O 04DEC75, RT 22DEC75, RFD-HR.</p>	Yes

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01	26	1975	1	5824 Caledonia Street	House	Age 70, M	Verne William Critz, 70	Victim found in bedroom, trying to douse a small fire after rescuing his bedridden mother-in-law from her burning bed. After carrying her outside to safety, he returned to the bedroom with a pail of water, where he collapsed across the bed.  Preliminary causes included smoke inhalation or heart attack, induced by the activity. Corner determined "arteriosclerotic coronary heart disease" and induced by the "stress of fighting fire." Also noted "pulmonary emphysema" as other significant condition.  House guests and a neighbor dragged victim outdoors and were attempting to revive him when fire department arrived. Victim was transported to Rex Hospital and pronounced deceased on arrival. Caused by overloaded extension cord connected to space heater.  Source: RT 27JAN75, NC-DC.	Yes
01	04	1975	1	509 Glenwood Avenue, Glenwood Towers	Apartment	Age 76, M-B	William Henry Dunn, 76	Found in his sixth floor apartment. Victim awoke during the blaze and notified a neighbor, who called the fire department. Victim was transported to Wake Memorial Hospital with first- and second-degree burns on both legs, and was listed in fair condition the following day. Two others were transported, one suffering from pneumonia as a precaution, and one for a prearranged trip. Dunn died April 14. Coroner cited arteriosclerosis as cause, with lower leg amputation as other significant condition, from third-degree burns.  Nearly all of the 350 residents had evacuated when firefighters arrived. Fire heavily damaged victim's room but did not spread. Minor smoke damage to sixth floor hallway.  Source: N&O 05JAN75, RFD-HR, NC-DC	No
12	11	1974	1	318 E. Bragg Street	House, one-story	Age 73, F-B	Alice Cross Boylan, 73	Victim found in front bedroom. Her cry for help awakened her disabled daughter, who went to her room, but was blocked by flames. Daughter escaped unharmed and knocked on neighbor's doors until she found someone to help her, and call the fire department. Died of suffocation, from inhalation of smoke. Fire contained to bedroom. Caused by small coal-burning stove in victim's bedroom that overheated and spread to nearby pile of coal, wood, and paper.  Dispatched 12:53 a.m. E1, E3, T1, R1. Loss \$3,500.  Source: N&O 12DEC74, RT 12DEC74, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
07	11	1974	1	2615 Van Dyke Avenue	House	Age 43, F-W	Margaret Jane Gay, 43	Victim found in front bedroom. Died of smoke inhalation. Caused by electric iron left plugged into outlet, which overheated. One witness confirmed that the victim had been ironing the prior evening. Home had no smoke detectors.  Dispatched 3:13 a.m. E5, E6, T5. Loss \$12,500. Back porch found on fire, with fire spreading into kitchen.  Source: N&O 12JUL74, RFD-HR.	Yes
06	06	1974	1	509 Glenwood Avenue	High Rise	Age 63, F-W	Nellie Gray Chappell, 63	Ninth-floor apartment. Victim found in bathroom, deceased on arrival, while small fire burned in nearby clothes hamper. Corner determined cause as "possible malnutrition" and "apparently natural." Started by light bulb resting against clothing.  Fire reported at 12:44 a.m. by two neighbors who noticed smoke in the hall. They called both the fire department and the maintenance foreman. Two policemen arrived, forced the door open, and extinguished the small fire with an extinguisher. Damage \$500. Glenwood Towers was built in 1970, and notable for its use of fireproof materials. Neither smoke nor heat detectors were required at the time of construction. Only last week, the Raleigh House Authority had met with salesmen to discuss installing smoke-sensing devices.  Dispatched 12:44 a.m. E5, E15, T5.  Source: RT? 07JUN74, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	No



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01	22	1974	2	6600 block Six Forks Road, outside city	House	Age 51, M-W Age 66, M-W	Jesse Odell Salmon, 51 James Theodore Emory, 66	<p>Dispatched 3:25 a.m. for E4, E9, T11. Communications notified that the house was located outside the city [and was just outside the city limits], and E4 and T11 were returned to service. E9 continued to assist Six Forks FD, which was also dispatched. Front of house was fully-involved on arrival of E9, followed by SFFD minutes later.</p> <p>House was searched fire was contained and victims were discovered in (1) the rear of the house and (2) the front portion of the house. Both were deceased. House had no electricity or water. Caused by spark from wood stove used to heat house, which escaped from the vent in the old stove, which was in the front bedroom.</p> <p>One victim apparently died after wrapping himself in a blanket and rolling on the floor, the other went to the back door but couldn't open it, after he "went to the hinge side." Neighbor said the back three rooms of the home had been damaged in previous fires.</p> <p>Cause of deaths were asphyxiation (Salmon) and burns (Emery). Blood alcohol level for Emery was also noted by the coroner.</p> <p>Sources: 23JAN74, RFD-HR, NC-DC.</p>	Yes
11	23	1973	2	207 Poplar Street	Apartment	Age 52, M-W Age 47, F-W	David Perry Ayscue, 52 Jean Hardin Ayscue, 47	<p>Fire in upstairs apartment. Victims found (1) on living room floor in front of couch and (2) on kitchen floor in front of stove. Both died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Blood alcohol level also noted by coroner.</p> <p>Started accidentally in the back of the stove, in storage area. Fire burned for a considerable period of time before breaking out into the kitchen area.</p> <p>Dispatched 8:52 p.m.</p> <p>See N&amp;O 24NOV73. Page 1. Also RFD-HR</p>	yes
05	06	1973	1	3192 Idlewild Avenue	House	Age 51, M	Roland Rudolph McCullom, 51	<p>Victim found by firefighters upon entry, in kitchen and about five feet from the rear door. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Died of burns. Blood alcohol level also noted by coroner. Three other occupants escaped.</p> <p>Dispatched 10:15 p.m.. E3, E7, T7. Rear of house was fully-involved on arrival. Damage confined mostly to kitchen and adjoining bedroom.</p> <p>Sources: N&amp;O 08May73, RFD-HR, NC-DC.</p>	
03	31	1973	1	203 Heck Street	House	Age 80, M-W	James Hopkins, 80	<p>Victim found at window, with head lying on still, with most of clothes burned off. Couch was burning in living room. Died of "carbon monoxide intoxication." Transported to Wake Memorial Hospital and deceased upon arrival. Suspected as started by cigarette or cigarette butt. Victim couldn't walk without walker, and attempted to crawl to escape.</p> <p>Dispatched 4:42 p.m. E3, E7, T7, R1.</p> <p>Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC. Note: NOx</p>	Yes
02	21	1973	2	2721 Rothgeb Drive	House	Age 65, F-W Age 4, M-W	Laura Mauro Raimondi, 65 Stephen Topljak, 4	<p>Dispatched at 11:30 a.m. Two police officers arrived before firefighters and rescued Barbara Topljak (age 29) from a window. Firefighters found two children in one room, Stephen (age 4) and Jack (age 5), and Laura Wolff (age 65), in another.</p> <p>All three were transported to Rex Hospital. Jack was revived by ambulance attendants. Laura was deceased on arrival. Stephen died shortly after arriving. Both died of "carbon monoxide intoxication" from smoke inhalation. They were not burned.</p> <p>Fire gutted the rear living room and kitchen area. No bedrooms were burned, and doors to the bedrooms were open. Started in the living room.</p> <p>Source: RT 21FEB73, MJL, NC-DC.</p>	Yes <sup>p</sup>

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02	15	1973	1	907 Peace Terrace	House	Age 41, M	Jarvis V. Holland, 41	Victim found deceased in upstairs bedroom, which was burning. Died from suffocation and burns. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Two other occupants escaped, one attempting rescue of victim before exiting. Dispatched 1:11 a.m. E3, E7, T7, R1. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC. Note: NOx	yes?
01	07	1973	1	711 Jamaica Drive	House	Age 28	Barbara Jean Thorp, 28	Fully-involved on arrival. Victim found five-feet inside the front door. Victim deceased at scene. Died of "total body burn". Blood alcohol level also noted by coroner. One occupant, child, escaped. Caused by her son, five years old, playing with matches. Dispatched 9:41 p.m. E15, E2, R1. Source: RFD-HR.	yes
12	22	1972	1	721 E. Davie St.	House	Age 50, M-B	Oscar Green, 50	Found lying in bed. Died of burns. Blood alcohol level and carbon monoxide saturation also noted by coroner. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Dispatched 6:51 p.m. Dispatched for Engine 3 as a grass fire or fire in 700 block of East Davie Street. While en route, dispatcher gave correct address and added Engine 1 and Truck 1. House engulfed in flames on arrival, with victim's wife lying on ground outside house. After extinguishing the fire, crews found the victim lying in bed. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	
12	19	1972	1	138 West Martin Street, Park Central Hotel	Hotel	Age 61, M-W	George William Booker, 61	Victim found on bed, which had caught fire. Transported to Wake Memorial Hospital. Deceased on arrival. Died of shock resulting from third-degree burns to legs. Acute and chronic alcoholism also noted by coroner. Started by smoking in bed. Victim had apparently fallen asleep while smoking a cigarette. The sprinkler system had activated and extinguished the fire. The activation of the system also alerted hotel personnel, who reported the fire. Dispatched 7:05 a.m. Source: N&O 20DEC72, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
11	04	1971	1	20 Mayo Street, Shelton Apartments	Apartment, three-story	Age 55, F-W	Lula Alston Fowler, 55	Victim found near the front door of her apartment. Died of "total body burns." Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Fire confined to an easy chair in the living room. Started with cigarette in living room. One neighbor, who lived below the victim, didn't know anything was wrong until he heard someone pounding on the front door. He thought someone was trying to break in. He got up, went to the door, and yelled that he had a gun. The men outside then identified themselves as firemen. Dispatched 2:16 a.m. E5, E15, T5, T6, R1. Loss \$6,025. Source: N&O 05NOV71, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
09	12	1971	2	111 Dennis Avenue	House, one-story	Age 52, M-W Age 60, F	Cary Grant Rich, 52 Inez Pridgen Rich, 60	Victims apparently trapped in den, a wood-frame addition to their house. Died of burns. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Room was gutted by the time of fire department arrival. Fire was rapidly extinguished. Cause smoking in bed. Dispatched 12:14 p.m. E7, E3, T7, R1. Source: N&O 13SEP71, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes

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04	04	1971	1	2805 Glasgow Street	House	Age 43, F-W	Mary Greene Phifer, 43	Died from of anoxia, from inhalation of smoke and "thermal fumes," at Wake Memorial Hospital. Acute alcoholism also noted by coroner. Death certificate lists cause as accident, from "smoldering bedroom fire." Dispatched 8:02 a.m. E3, E7, T7, R1, E1. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes?
02	11	1971	1	100 W. Martin Street, Andrew Johnson Hotel Annex	Hotel	Age 74, M-W	George Washington Ward, 74	Victim died at Wake memorial Hospital from "carbon monoxide intoxication." Found outside third-floor room across the hall from his room. Caused by victim smoking a cigarette in bed. Fire was reported at 12:22 a.m. by two hotel employees, but not immediately after it was discovered, which gave the blaze a heat start. Investigators also found a fire hose in the hallway, removed from the standpipe rack and filled with water. Apparently someone had tried to extinguish the fire, before calling the fire department. All of the residents of the "annex" were questioned and "all but denied" using the hose. The two-story annex was located above a sports center and restaurant. Bedroom was fully involved when firefighters arrived. Crews fought the fire using two aerial ladders, ground ladders, and above the roof of the nearby News & Observer building's loading platform. They were still flowing water on the "guttled remains" at 11:00 a.m. that morning. Source: N&O 12FEB71, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
12	25	1970	1	711 Virginia Avenue	House	Age 4 mo, M-W	Timothy Shawn Lamm, 4 mo	Victim found in back bedroom. Died of anoxia and burns. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Started by floor furnace. The child's parents were visiting a neighbor when the fire started. Another neighbor smelled smoke, went outside to investigate, and saw smoke coming from the victim's home. She ran and got the parents, who tried to rescue the child, but couldn't get inside because of the intense heat and smoke. Dispatched 1:15 a.m. E7, E3, T7, R1. \$4,250 loss. Source: N&O 26DEC70, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
07	13	1970	1	801 Wilmington Terrace	Apartment	Age 63, F-W	Judith Edith Creech Greene, 63	Found near front door, after lounge chair and surrounding items caught fire. Died of suffocation, from inhaling smoke and heated air. Victim had been apparently sitting in the chair that caught fire. Heavy smoke damage to apartment, with fire damage limited to chair, table, lamp, and radio. Extinguished with just a few gallons of water. Death certificate lists cause as "accident." Reported about 8:00 a.m. Neighbor was hanging clothes when she saw wisps of smoke and tried to enter the apartment. The victim's nurse-companion then arrived, unlocked and opened the door, and discovered the victim lying a few feet from the door. Source: RT 13JUL70, NC-DC.	yes
04	12	1970	1	2604 Wayland Drive	House, two-story	Age 49	William Paul Easterling, 49	Victim found outside of his burning house. Died April 12 at Duke Hospital of third-degree burns over 50-60 percent of body. Cause smoking in bed. Dispatched 10:46 a.m. E6, E5, T6. Loss \$291. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC. Note: NOx, RTx.	Yes

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02	26	1970	1	2511 Anderson Drive	House, one-story	Age 65, F-W	Bess M. Panell, 65	Victim found unconscious in her bedroom. Transported to Rex Hospital. Died on March 1, from renal failure caused by severe burns. Fire started in the den and spread to other rooms. The cause was accidental from smoking.  Raleigh fireman Carlton Wall had just arrived on the fire truck when a neighbor told him that the victim was still inside the burning house. Wall donned an air tank, broke a window, and climbed into the bedroom. He found the victim and handed her through the window to other firefighters. Dispatched 3:30 a.m. E6, E4, T6, R1. Controlled in 10-15 minutes. \$20,500 loss.  Source: N&O 27FEB70, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	Yes
01	31	1970	1	210 W. South	House, one-story	Age 9 mo, F-B	Deborah Channel Amerson, 9 mo	Victim found in bedroom. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital after midnight. Died of "total body burns." Death date recorded as February 1.  Fire was reported to a police officer on duty in the area. He attempted to extinguish the fire, using a small extinguisher in his car, but was unsuccessful. When the fire department arrived, the front bedroom was engulfed in flames on arrival. The fire was controlled within ten minutes.  Dispatched 11:36 p.m. E2, E10, T6, R_ . \$1,615 loss. Also recorded as 300 W. South Street.  Note: Ray Anthony Amerson, 5, was previously listed here as a second fatality. Neither news reports nor death certificates validate.  Source: N&O 02FEB70, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
12	19	1969	1	309 S. Person Street	House, two-story	Age 45, M-W	Aaron Jack Branch, 45	Died from third-degree burns on 70% of body, on December 20 at Wake Memorial Hospital. Cause smoking in bed.  Dispatched 3:30 p.m. E3, E1, T7. \$3,000 loss.  Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	Yes
10	02	1969	1	1613 1/2 Thompson Street	Trailer home	Age 58, M-W	Otis Webster, 58	Died from burns. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Death certificate lists as "accident."  Dispatched 3:01 a.m.  Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	Yes
11	23	1968	1	1110 S. Holmes	Rooming House	Age 58, M-B	McKinley Lucas, 58	Victim found in remains of bedroom. Died from "total body burns." Death certificate lists as "accident."  Second occupant sustained second- and third-degree burns and jumped through window to escape. Second victim was in fair condition the next day at Wake Memorial Hospital. Crews fought the fire for almost three hours. Building destroyed.  Dispatched 11:54 p.m. E2, E3, T7. \$8,800 loss. Also recorded as "Holmen" Street.  Source: N&O 25NOV68, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
02	26	1968	1	701 E. Franklin Street	Apartment house, two-story	Age 63, M-W	James Edward Thompson, 63	Victim found lying beside bed in kitchen. Transported to Wake Memorial Hospital. Died of "total body burns." Victim found about 3:30 a.m., after firefighters had extinguished the blaze in back part of first floor. Death certificate lists as "accident."  Dispatched 2:18 a.m. E3, E7, T7, R1. \$18,800 loss. Six apartments in building, five were occupied. All other residents escaped.  Source: N&O 27FEB68, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	

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12	01	1967	1	215 S. Bloodworth	House	Age 69, F-W	Annie Catherine Pierce Boykin, 69	Victim found lying on the floor beside a burning bed. Transported to Wake Memorial Hospital. Died on December 3 from "thermal burns, third degree, 90% [of body]". Started by an electric extension cord that had become "entwined in the springs of the bed." It had frayed and caused a short circuit, which set fire to the mattress. Dispatched 9:25 p.m. E3, E1, T7, R1. \$551 loss. Source: N&O 02DEC67, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	
12	04	1966	1	1840 Wilshire Avenue	House, one- story	Age 47, F-W	Marion Isabell Pelton, 47	Victim found in a bedroom not damaged by fire. Died of "suffocation and smoke." Deceased on arrival at Rex Hospital. Dispatched 3:25 a.m. E6, E5, T6, R1, T5. The fire was reported by a passing motorist. When the fire department arrived, the entire front of the house had already been burned out, and fire was coming through the roof. \$19,000 loss. Source: N&O 05DEC66, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	
05	23	1966	1	437 Halifax Street	Apartment building, two- story	Age 43, M-W	Stanly Rogers Hamlin, 43	Victim found in kitchen of two-room apartment. Died of "suffocation by smoke." Fire started in bed. Victim apparently was in bed when fire started, was leaving the bedroom, was overcome by smoke, and fell in the doorway between kitchen and bedroom. Dispatched 6:56 a.m. Only a small fire was burning on the bedroom floor when firefighters arrived. Source: N&O 24MAY66, RFD-HR	yes
02	27	1966	1	824 E. Lenoir Street	Apartment	Age 4, M-B	James Smith, 4	Died of "asphyxiation by smoke." Second child was injured. Dispatched 8:20 p.m. Fire controlled within 15 minutes and destroyed two upstairs apartments. Source: RFD-HR, N&O 28FEB66. NC-DC	
04	12	1965	1	4516 Pitt Street	House	Age 2, F-W	Kathleen Mikkaele Shoffner, 2	Died at Rex Hospital on April 17, from complications due to second- and third-degree burns on 30% of body. Caused by gasoline explosion, from gas can by water heater. Victim was playing in the carport when the fire started. Her clothes caught fire and she ran into the yard. Her mother had to catch her, and then fell upon her to smother the flames. Dispatched 12:44 a.m. E9, E4, T6. One side of the house and the carport were "blazing" on arrival. Source: N&O 13APR65, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
11	30	1964	1	701 Royal Street		Age 52, M-W	Donnie Auburn Mills, 52	Died of "suffocation in conflagration" and acute alcoholism. Victim's name record in FD records as Thomas Jackson. Apparently misidentified. Dispatched 4:06 p.m. Reported as Hogan Lane. E8, E10, T8. \$35 loss. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	
04	19	1964	2	104 Montgomery Street	House	Age 58, M-W Age 56, F-W	James Matthew Edwards Jr., 58 Doris Young Edwards, 56	Victims discovered after the fire is brought under control. James died of burns, and Doris died of asphyxiation. Dispatched 4:15 a.m. E5, E6, T5, R1, Chief Keeter. \$30,000 loss. Source: N&O 20APR64. NC-DC.	

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04	02	1964	3	2201 White Oak Road	House	Age 25, F-W Age 5, F-W Age 18 mo, M-W	Rebecca Sterns Cannon, 25 Rebecca Belk Cannon, 5 David Belk Cannon Jr, 18 months	Victims found in second-story bathroom of the "stately home." Father was found unconscious near the front door. Father had apparently tried to reach a phone in the kitchen and was overcome, and found eight feet from the telephone. "Three teams of firemen" gave mouth-to-mouth to the mother and children. They were transported to Rex Hospital and further attempts were made to revive them [while en route]. All three were deceased on arrival. Death caused by asphyxiation. Fire apparently started on the first floor, in a room used as an office and sitting room. Dispatched 2:48 a.m. Fire discovered by neighbor, awakened by "flashes of light on the walls" of her bedroom and noises from the fire. Quickly controlled. Smoke inside the home was so thick "you could cut it with a knife" said the Fire Chief. Source: N&O 03APR64, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes?
03	06	1964	1	1036 S. Saunders Street, Star GMC	Commercial	Age 27, M-W	Donald Gray Morgan, 27	Transported to Rex Hospital, where he died five days later of third-degree burns on 80% of body surface. Fire started when gas ignited from a spark, while he was "under [working on repairs] a car." Dispatched 11:14 a.m. E2, E10, R1. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC. Note: NOx, RTx.	yes
01	26	1964	1	1100 Hadly Street	House	Age 36, M-B	Oliver Williams, 36	Victim deceased on arrival. Died of asphyxiation, thermal fumes. Acute alcoholism also noted as cause. Also suffered second- and third-degree burns. Dispatched 6:58 p.m. E2, E3, R1. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	
02	23	1963	1	704 E. Jones Street	House, one-story	Age 49, F-B	Beatrice Harris, 49	Died of third-degree burns, after clothing caught fire, while trying to light a coal stove. Victim apparently spilled kerosene on her clothes, then struck a match, which set her clothes on fire. She apparently ran to the kitchen sink, hoping to douse herself with water. However, the water to the house had been shut off, to prevent the pipes from freezing. A married couple, that also lived in the home, then attempted to smother the fire by putting "bed clothes" and a quilt on her. Dispatched 11:45 a.m. E3, E7, R1. \$200 damage. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
11	29	1962	1	220 Bledsoe Street	Rooming house	Age 53, M-B	William C. Barrett, 53	Victim was found in the bathroom. Firefighters administered artificial respiration. Deceased on arrival at Wake Memorial Hospital. Died of asphyxiation. Two occupants of the rooming house noticed smoke coming out of the victim's room. They met him as he "fled the room" but then ran back into the burning room. He apparently went into the bathroom, and "turned on every spigot, hot and cold." Dispatched 10:05 p.m. E2, E3, R1. Plus T1 for clean-up. Fire contained to victim's room and part of the hall. Source: N&O 30NOV62, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	
07	10	1962	1	830 Bryan Street	Apartment house	Age 58, F-W	Kathryn H. Moore, 58	Found unconscious on burning couch in apartment. Transported to Rex Hospital. Died on July 11 from circulatory failure and toxemia, from third-degree burns. Cause suspected as cigarette on couch. Dispatched 3:56 p.m. E4, E5, T5, R1. Plus E4 for later rekindle. Victim found by a resident of 707 Wade Avenue. He tore down a curtain, soaked it in water, and covered her. Another nearby resident also ran into the house and attempted to smother the fire with a rug. Source: RT 11JUL62, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes

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01	21	1962	1	327 Tarboro Road Also addressed as 323, 325, 327, 329 Tarboro Road.	Commercial, barber shop, four businesses in same building	Age 37, M-B	Ernest Lofton Jr., 37	Victim found among ruins of the building. Died of suffocation, not burns, revealed autopsy. Fire was intentional, apparently started by victim, who was occupant of building. Two five-gallon gasoline cans were found near the back door, and contained the "raw odor" of gasoline. A third can was found just outside the back door. The trunk of the victim's car smelled of gasoline, and a dark ring was found, apparently made by one of the gasoline cans. Victim did not own the building, but was owner of his equipment, which was insured for \$3,000. Interior of building was destroyed, and the three other businesses were damaged.  Dispatched 1:38 a.m. E3, E7, T7, with E1, T1 (light plant), R1 (lighting) later called. Fire was controlled within about 20 minutes, but victim wasn't found until "most all of the flames had died out." Source: RT 22JAN62, RFD-HR, NC-DC	yes
01	14	1962	1	1014 Mark Street	House	Age 45, F-B	Annie Mitchell, 45	Died from second and third degree burns of head, body, and extremities, after bathrobe caught on fire from stove in room. Transported Wake Memorial Hospital. Died five days later on January 19.  Dispatched 7:44 a.m. E2, E10, R1. Loss \$380. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC. Note: NOx, RTx.	yes
09	16	1961	1	323 Hillsboro Street	Apartment house, three- story, 14 apartments	Age 56, M	Lawrence Collins, 56	Victim found in basement apartment. He was or had been the building's janitor for many years. Apparently started in the basement. Died of suffocation.  Dispatched 4:30 a.m. Reported as 327 W. Morgan Street. E1, E4, E10, T1, R1, E3, E5, E2. Flames were "racing through the building" when firefighters arrived, with residents fleeing the building "in only their night clothes." Three residents were rescued from second-story windows, by firefighters with ladders. Fire as controlled in two and a half hours and gutted the building. It displaced 20 people. Source: RT16SEP61, N&O 17SEP61, RFD-HR	yes?
11	05	1960	1	529 Fayetteville Street	Rooming house, two- story	Age 27, F-B	Ruby Doris Wiggins, 27	Died of suffocation and also suffered third-degree burns. Caused by smoking in bed.  Dispatched 9:10 a.m. E2 with T1 for clean-up. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC. Note: NOx, RTx.	yes
01	21	1960	1	116 Grimes Alley (three houses on this street, which was at/near Halifax, Peace, and Salisbury streets.)		Age 6	Phillip Ann Bass, 6	Victim died in kitchen of burns, after clothes caught fire from the fireplace. Though a fireplace screen was normally used, on the date of the fire, it wasn't used because the mother was afraid that the children would knock it over. Victim was one of nine children.  RFD apparently did not respond to this incident, but still recorded the fatality as one of the fire deaths that occurred that year.  Dispatched 9:45 a.m. Source: RFD-HR. Note: No death certificate located.	yes
01	19	1960	1	818 Cannister Street, road no longer exists, roughly where Dawson meets MLK	House, one- story	Age 3 mo, M-B	Thomas E. Bennett, 3 mo	Victim died of burns. Three other children escaped, rescued by neighbors. Parents had left the house, gone around the corner to make a phone call. Started by overheated coal heater that spread sparks in the four-room home.  Dispatched 7:34 p.m. E1, E2. Loss \$1,600. Source: RT 20JAN60, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
01	09	1960	1	825 Manly Street	House, one- story	Age 32, M-B	John Andrew Banks, 32	Victim found in bed. Transported to hospital. Died of burns. Cause smoking in bed. Victim had also been drinking and death certificate notes the cause of injury was intoxication.  Dispatched 12:01 a.m. E1, E1, T1, R1. \$1,050 loss. Source: RT 09JAN60, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes

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01	07	1960	1	707 Chamberlain Street	Shack, one-story	Age 74, M-B	William Turner, 74	Victim, who was an invalid, was rescued by a neighbor, who found him "lying helpless on a bed" in the burning "shack". Transported to St. Agnes Hospital. Died of "second and third degree burns [to] 80% of total body surface" on January 8. Caused by an oil stove explosion. Dispatched 6:35 p.m. E5, E6, T6. Loss \$75.00. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
03	10	1958	1	Washington Terrace	Apartment	Age 2, F-B	Polly Linda Austin, 2	Victim discovered in bed, along with second child, who suffered severe burns. Mother also burned. All three transported to St. Agnes Hospital, where victim was pronounced deceased on arrival. Died of "asphyxiation and burns." Believed started in kitchen, where an oven and one "unit" of an electric stove were found burning. Dispatched about 11:20 a.m. Fire destroyed interior of apartment "despite efforts of firemen." Source: N&O 11MAR58, NC-DC.	yes
03	29	1952	3	1305 Walnut Street	House, one-story	Age 5, M-B Age 4, F-B Age 2, F-B	Bobby Joe Perry, 5 Goldie May Perry, 4 Maxine Perry, 2	Victims found in the bedroom of the three-room "gun barrel." Died of suffocation from "fire fumes." Caused by an oil stove, which had been left burning with a small fire because one of the children had been sick with a cold. Children were locked in the room while their "mother was away from home drunk." The mother arrived at the scene about 20 minutes after the fire department arrived, intoxicated. She was arrested and was being held in the county jail without bound, during the investigation. Dispatched 7:46 p.m. Flames were "pouring out of the [...] windows" and the "front door had burned through" on arrival. A neighbor had already attempted to gain entry, breaking through both the front and back doors with an axe, but the "roaring flames" had "beat him back." Source: N&O 30MAR52, RFD-HS, NC-DC	yes
12	25	1950	1	326 New Bern Avenue	Apartment house, two-story, four apartments	Age 66, F-W	Annie Thomas Farris, 66	Died of asphyxiation and burns. Started by oil heater explosion. Victim was found only a foot or two from the "shattered heater." The explosion had blown the oil tank away from the stove, and also blown away the bottom of the tank. Oil had run over the floor and fed the flames. Firemen detached the heater pipe at the wall and found the flue clogged with soot. "There was no way for the smoke to escape into the chimney and when the gas fumes backed up, the stove exploded" noted the coroner. Dispatched 4:22 p.m. Source: N&O 26DEC50, RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
03	27	1950	1	Method Community, outside city		Age 50, M-B	Thomas Utley, 50	Died of burns. Coroner noted "burned while asleep in bed." Dispatched 10:02 a.m. House was total loss. RFD responded outside the city. Source: RFD-HS, NC-DC.	yes
02	29	1948	1	1306 S. East Street	House, one-story	Age 79, M-B	Burton Whitaker, 79	Died of burns. Death noted as "accidental" by coroner. Dispatched 4:35 a.m. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes
02	08	1948	1	314 W. North Street	House, one-story	Age 4, M-W	Ivon P. Black, 4	Died of suffocation and burns. Death noted as "accidental" by coroner. Dispatched 1:12 a.m. Source: RFD-HR, NC-DC.	yes

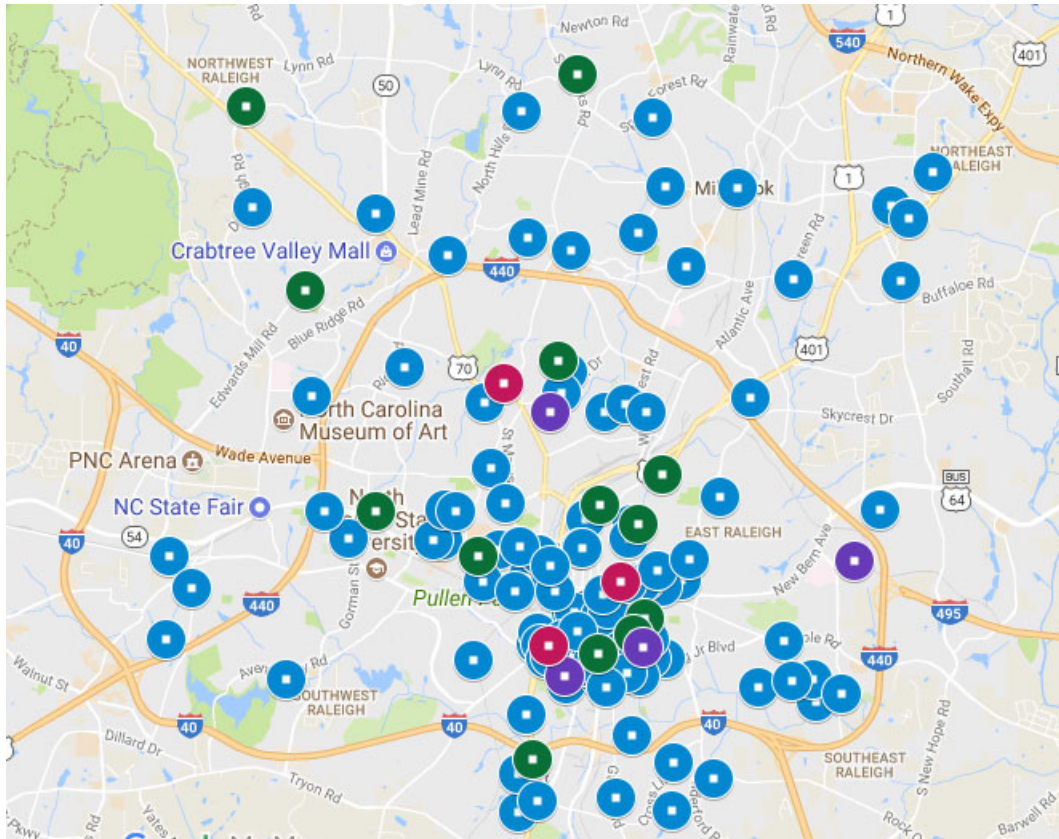


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02	01	1948	5	Carolina Country Club	Clubhouse / Apartment	Age 61, F-W Age 38, M-W Age 37, F-W Age 15, F-W Age 14, M-W	Carrie Kee Lyndall, 61 James Edward Baker Sr., 38 Thelma Sara Lyndall Baker, 37 Jean Elizabeth Baker, 15 James Edward Baker Jr., 14	<p>Raleigh's deadliest fire was dispatched about 3:35 a.m., reported by a resident at 2503 Glenwood Avenue, whose mother had been awakened by a crackling noise "she thought was a machine clearing snow from the roadway." The fire department was also notified by a taxi driver, who had contacted his base via two-way radio.</p> <p>Two engines and a ladder truck responded. Despite snow and a "blinding snowstorm" the fire trucks arrived in about ten minutes. The building was fully-involved on arrival and the roof was already collapsing. By about 4:00 p.m., crews were able to enter the remains and begin searching for victims.</p> <p>Five people were staying in the apartment above the clubhouse. Four perished in the fire, cause listed as "cremated." Thelma Baker died of concussion and "profound shock", after apparently jumping from second-story window.</p> <p>Fire cause underdetermined, due to the complete destruction of the building. Carelessness was suspected, perhaps related to the "gay Saturday night dance" held hours earlier at the clubhouse. Source: Legeros blog, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ya23mhvz">http://tinyurl.com/ya23mhvz</a>; NC-DC.</p>	yes

## Map

See this interactive Google map, which displays the above data, except for fatalities located outside the city:

<https://tinyurl.com/raleighfatalfires>



Graphic



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- NC-DC – North Carolina Death Certificates, via Ancestry.com Library Edition, via Wake County Public Libraries.
- NC-DI – North Carolina Death Indexes, via Ancestry.com.
- N&O - News & Observer, via microfilm copies at Olivia Raney local history library, and Newsbank America's Newspaper, accessed via North Carolina state government library account.
- News & Observer index, 1926-1992 - <http://statelibrarync.org/noi/>
- News & Observer photographer records, 1970s to 1990s, via North Carolina State Archives
- RFD-HR - Historical research of the Raleigh Fire Departments, using various sources from fire reporting ledger books to unit and company log books.
- RFD-MR - Raleigh Fire Department media report, distributed electronically to news reporting organizations and other stakeholders.
- RT - Raleigh Times
- WRAL - Web site for WRAL television, [www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com)
- Wake County Real Estate Records

## Appendix - Transportation-Related

These transportation-related incidents were originally included or consider for inclusion in the above data.

M	D	Y	#	Address	Structure/ Situation	Deceased Persons	Names	Causes, Notes
12	04	2009	1	Durant Road near Garvey Drive	Vehicle, Car	Age 60, Female	Deborah Brookshire Johnson	One-car accident, struck trees, fence, and caught fire.
04	27	2009	1	Interstate 40 near Gorman Street	Vehicle, Semi	Adult Male, 76	Austin Ausby Wrenn	Truck crashed and caught fire, driver was pinned inside.
12	12	2001	3	7609 Stone Horse Court, located outside site	Aircraft + House			Three victims aboard aircraft. Occupant of house escaped. RFD responded as automatic mutual aid. Dispatched about 7:05 p.m.  Exclude from list, since no other aircraft incidents are listed?
12	18	1998	1	Beltline at Capital	Vehicle, Semi Tanker	Age 51, M	William "Buddy" McLamb	Tractor-drawn tanker struck a pick-up truck left on roadside and as much as three feet into travel lane. Tanker was full with 9,000 gallons of gasoline. Driver was killed in fire and explosion.  Source: N&O 12DEC98

06	28	1989	1	4920 Larchmont	Car, House			Vehicle collision with house. Victim was driver, fire started as result of collision. Victim died inside vehicle. Dispatched at 3:05 p.m. for E16 and T16 as a car fire.  Source: RFD-HR
01	19	1973	1	1948 S. Wilmington Street, Service Station	Truck	Age 55, M	James Frederick Daughtry	1973 Ford pick-up fully-involved on arrival. Victim seen sitting in truck. Died of burns. Engine 2. Dispatched 4:42 a.m. Removed from list, result of collision, after he struck a parked car.  Source: N&O 20JAN73, RFD-HR.
03	28	1964	1	Wade Avenue at Railroad Bridge	Vehicle	Age 22, M	Jimmy Lee Olive	Died of burn injuries after his vehicle collided with railroad bridge. Caused by gasoline igniting, which flowed after wrecked car was righted by bystanders, to free pinned occupant. Gasoline reached a small fire burning at the front of the automobile and ignited. Dispatched 1:13 a.m.  Source: N&O 29MAR64, RFD-HR.
04	01	1958	2	S. Blount Street at Railroad Crossing	Tanker	Age 16 Age 10	Charles Arvin, 16 Junior Hester, 9 or 10	Occupants in gasoline tanker truck that exploded after being struck by three-car passenger train. Arvin was thrown from the wreckage, and Hester was trapped in the cab.  Source: N&O 02Apr58

## Appendix - False Positives

This information was originally recorded as inputs, but subsequently rejected as false positive:

M	D	Y	#	Address	Structure/ Situation	Deceased Persons	Names	Causes, Notes
12	21	1957	2	Highway 70, two miles west of city limits	House	Age 48, M Age ~35, Female	Ted Sadler Josephine Sadler	Victims found in bedroom. Two other occupants escaped, who were sleeping at opposite end of the house. Fire apparently started by oil furnace in basement, which was located almost directly under the victim's bedroom. Dispatched about 3:00 a.m. Six Forks FD responded, plus Raleigh FD rescue squad. Home was destroyed. Omit, due to absence of RFD suppression units.  Source: RT 21DEC57, RFD-HR.
02	09	1958	2	812 Manchester Drive, outside the city.	House	Adult Age 8	Mary Brooks Doris Brooks, age 8	Victims died of burns. Three others escaped. Fire started in den/living room. Bodies were recovered hours later. Omit, no RFD response. Source: RT 11MAR58, RFD-HR.
02	19	1960	1	Poole Road outside city, Hodges Trailer Park.	Mobile Home	Age 4	Catherine Valentine	Died in fire. Located in trailer park. Dispatched 11:37 a.m. RFD responded with Rescue 1 only. Omit, due to absence of RFD suppression units. Source: RFD-HR.

04	25	1960	1	412 New Bern Avenue		Age 4 months	Teresa Sharron Murray	Died of suffocation. Deceased on arrival. Dispatched 3:50 p.m. Rescue 1 only. Not a fire incident. Source: RFD-HR.
12	08	1961	1	850 W. Morgan Street			Jane Glindmeier	Dispatched 6:43 p.m. Omit, not a fire-related incident. Source: RFD-HR.
07	05	1982	1	Creedmoor Road, outside city	House	Age 27, M	Hubert Lee Hunt	Died of smoke inhalation, after left unconscious after an assault. Intentional, started by setting fire to curtains. Outside city, no RFD response, it appears. Source: RT, 03MAR84, RFD-HR.
03	01	1990	2	South Raleigh	House	Adults		Same incident as 2/28/91? Source: RFD-HR.
10	07	2001	1					Two working fires on 10/6/01. Neither apparently fatal. Source: RFD-HR.
08	04	2001	1					No fatal fire found. Source: RFD-HR.
07	25	2001	1					No fatal fire found. Source: RFD-HR.
07	11	2001	1					No fatal fire found. Source: RFD-HR.
07	02	2001	1					No fatal fire found. Source: RFD-HR.
03	25	2002	1					No fatal fire found. Source: RFD-HR.
03	05	2002	1					No fatal fire found. Source: RFD-HR.
12	31	2004	1					USAR fatality on Pawley Mill, not fire death? Source: RFD-HR.
10	09	2004	1					Working fire 4110 Sedgewick, mattress in bedroom. Not fatal. Source: RFD-HR.
06	05	2004	1					No fatal fire found. Source: RFD-HR.