

Summer 2026

Detroit Fire Department

DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT BEYOND FIREFIGHTING



DFD LAUNCHES COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION INITIATIVE

The Detroit Fire Department officially launched its new Community Risk Reduction (CRR) initiative this Spring.

CRR is a prevention-first approach, focused on emergency preparedness, community engagement, and education. CRR is a strategic, data-driven effort designed to help Detroit residents live safer, healthier lives by staying prepared and resilient.

The goal of the Detroit Fire Department's CRR program is to reduce fire-related injuries and fatalities in high-risk areas by educating residents and businesses about hazards in the home and throughout the community.

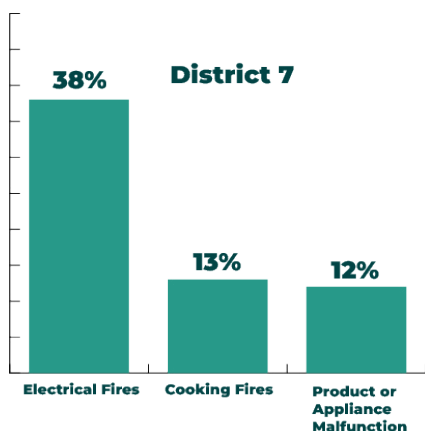
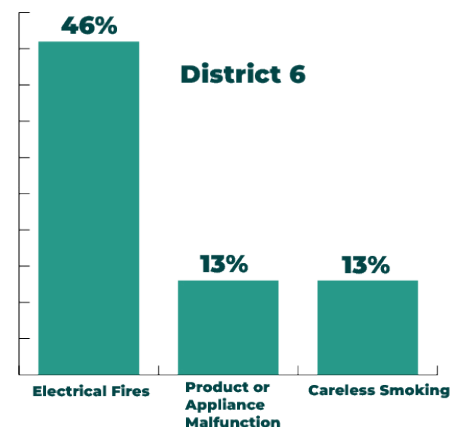
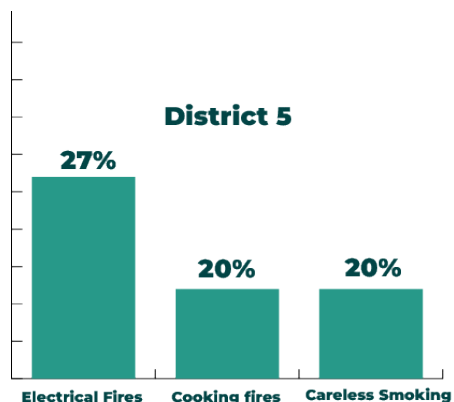
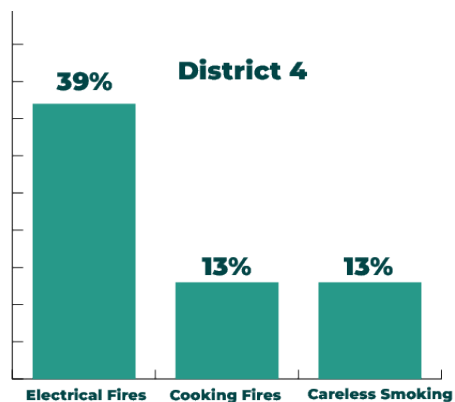
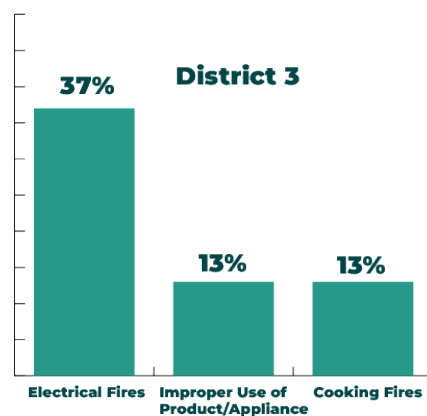
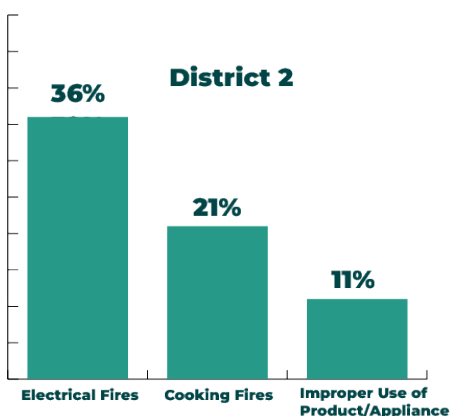
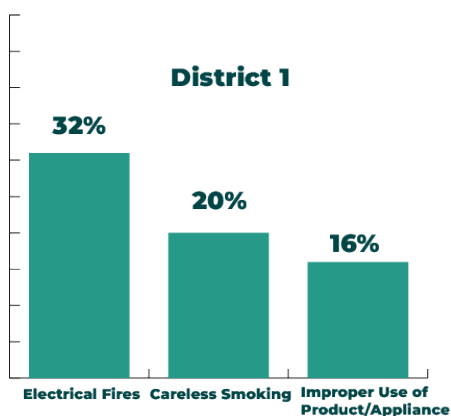
Our team will come to Detroit's neighborhoods to give fire and life safety presentations, detailing specific data about what's causing fires in your area.

We want to hear from you! Schedule a presentation with us by going to our website or scanning the QR code below.

<https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-fire-department/community-risk-reduction>



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DFD In The News



Firefighter Donald Faulkner saves woman from burning car

In January, Firefighter Faulkner responded to a vehicle fire caused by a crash. Ms. Latashia Collins was trapped inside the vehicle. Upon seeing her in extreme danger, Faulkner didn't hesitate to jump inside the burning car to free her. Despite suffering severe burns and 18 fractures, Ms. Collins miraculously survived. Faulkner was later honored by department leaders, medical professionals, and Ms. Collins' family members for his selfless actions and the life-saving impact of his courage.



DEMCA honors DFD crews with Kim L. Lifesaver of the Year Award

On February 18, 2026, Detroit EMS crews were dispatched to the scene of a shooting involving a 32-year-old woman suffering from a life-threatening gunshot wound. Arriving to find the patient in critical condition, crews immediately initiated advanced trauma care and rushed her to the hospital for treatment. The Detroit East Medical Control Authority awarded them the prestigious Kim L. Lifesaver of the year award. The patient was able to join the ceremony to thank the team.

From left to right: Damon Gorelick, Executive Director of DEMCA, Keith Alangaden, Assistant Medical Director, DEMCA and EMS Director at DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital, TFF/EMT Louis Delgado, Paramedic Lieutenant Michael Vick, Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Martus, Firefighter/EMT Travis VanGorder, Blake (patient), Firefighter/EMT Reginald Street, Firefighter/Paramedic William Campbell and Firefighter/Paramedic Alexander Knell.



2026 Women in Blue Awards

The Detroit Public Safety Foundation named Firefighter Casey Foren as DFD's Woman of the Year. Foren is a 12-year veteran of DFD who has demonstrated exceptional skill, leadership, and dedication since joining the department in 2014. In addition to human saves, Firefighter Foren is known to have participated in numerous animal rescues, including recently rescuing 'Stack' the puppy from an abandoned Detroit chimney this past April.



'Stack' the dog rescued from chimney

In early April, Michigan Humane got a call about a dog stuck in the chimney of an abandoned home and called DFD for help. DFD used Ladder 31 to rescue the trapped dog. The puppy, Stack, went to Michigan Humane Society to be treated and recover. Amazingly, he was adopted that same month and is now with his forever home!



Class 90 Firefighters Graduated

DFD proudly celebrated the graduation of Class 90 on Friday, May 8, 2026, marking the official start of fire service for the department's newest firefighters. Their graduation reflects not only individual achievement, but also the department's continued investment in building a highly skilled and resilient workforce.



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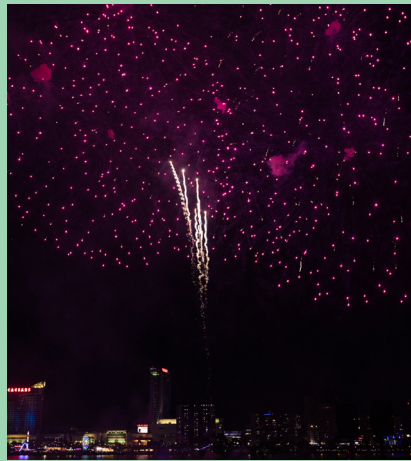
Business organizations & community groups who want to meet your district fire inspectors call

(313) 596-8892

Summer Safety Tips

Fireworks

- Always follow local laws and regulations.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby.
- Be careful, sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause serious burns.
- Never relight a dud firework.
- Don't allow children to handle fireworks.



Fire Pits

- Keep a bucket of water, a garden hose, or a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Use fire pits at least 10 feet away from any structure.
- Burn clean, untreated wood.
- Never leave fire unattended.
- Never use gasoline or lighter fluid to start a fire.



Grilling

- Clean grill regularly to avoid grease fires.
- Check gas tank for leaks before using.
- Don't wear loose clothing while grilling.
- Don't use a grill indoors or in a garage.

