



## Community Arson Prevention

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an average of 317,000 intentional fires are reported to fire departments in the United States each year causing injuries to almost 7,800 firefighters and civilians and an estimated 1.1 billion dollars in property loss. Arson can devastate a community resulting in the decline of the neighborhood through increased insurance premiums, loss of business

revenue and a decline in property values. For these reasons, the theme for National Arson Awareness Week, May 2–8, is Community Arson Prevention. The goal for this year's Arson Awareness Week is to focus attention on the horrific crime of arson and to provide communities with tools and strategies to combat arson in their neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and places of worship.



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