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## Fire in Minnesota - 2008

- FD response every 2 minutes
- Fire every 35 minutes
- Total incidents +2%, total fires -14%
- Leading causes of structure fires:
  - Cooking, Heating, Arson/Open Flame
- 94% of MN FD's reported thru MFIRS
- 1/1/09 On-line MFIRS, no cost to you

## Fire Deaths - 2008

- 52 civilians died because of fires
  - +30% over 2007 historic low
- 73% of deaths occurred in residences
- Greater MN death rate nearly double of Metro area
- Careless smoking leading cause (again)
  - New law on Fire Standard Compliant cigarettes effective 12/1/08
- 29 year to date compared with 35 in 2008

## Fire Safety Account

- State Fire Marshal Division \$\$ 🙌🏻
- Firefighter Training & Education Board \$\$
- Regionalized fire service projects \$\$
- Over \$4 million in cash balance 7/1/09
- Training Reimbursements open now
- SFMD staffing is improving due to FSA
- Feedback from “Stump the SFM”

## ...from the desk of the Marshal

- New buildings we inspect – tell us
- Fires in any building we inspect – tell us
- Fire Investigations
  - Notify State Duty Officer
  - Any type of fatality from fire – tell us
  - New fire investigator 1/1/09 NW MN
- Commitment to small city fire inspections
- New Public Educator Becki White

## ...from the desk of the Marshal

- 1,000 miles of new pipeline installed
- Gopher State One Call law – tell us
- Highway Scene Safety – State Patrol
- Shared Services
- What happened to Haz Mat
- Planning for Flu – shortage in staff

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