

MONTHLY RETURN OF ARSON OFFENSES KNOWN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

This report is authorized by law Title 28, Section 534, United States Code, and the enactment of the fiscal year 1979, Department of Justice Authorization Bill S. 3151. While you are not required to respond, your cooperation in using this form to report all incidents of arson which become known to your department during the month will assist the FBI in compiling comprehensive, accurate data on a timely basis. Instructions appear on reverse side.

1 PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION		2 DATA ENTRY	3 Offenses Reported or Known to Police (Include Unfounded and Attempts)	4 Unfounded, i.e. False or Baseless Complaints	5 Number of Actual Offenses (Column 2 Minus Column 3 Include Attempts)	6 Total Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (Include Column 6)	7 Number of Clearances Involving Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age	8 Offenses Where Structures Uninhabited Abandoned, or not Normally in Use	9 Estimated Value of Property Damage
STRUCTURAL	A. Single Occupancy Residential: Houses, Townhouses, Duplexes, etc.	01							\$
	B. Other Residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotels, Motels, Inns, Dormitories, Boarding Houses, etc.	02							\$
	C. Storage: Barns, Garages, Warehouses, etc.	03							\$
	D. Industrial/Manufacturing	04							\$
	E. Other Commercial: Stores, Restaurants, Offices, etc.	05							\$
	F. Community/Public: Churches, Jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc.	06							\$
	G. All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, Etc.	07							\$
	TOTAL STRUCTURE	08							\$
MOBILE	H. Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc.: UCR Definition	09							\$
	I. Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes, Boats, etc.	10							\$
	TOTAL MOBILE	11							\$
J. TOTAL OTHER Crops, Timber, Fences, Signs, etc.	12							\$	
GRAND TOTAL		13							\$

Month and Year of Report \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Identifier \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Commissioner, Sheriff, or Superintendent

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### Arson Definition

The offense of arson is defined by the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to include any willful or malicious burning or attempts to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

### Instructions

In Column 2, report all arson incidents which occurred in your jurisdiction and became known to your department during the month. Use your law enforcement jurisdiction and not fire districts to determine if an arson incident should be scored on your report. Count all arsons even though the offenses may have occurred in conjunction with violent crimes reported on the Return A. Include attempts to commit arson. Also, include "unfounded" reports of arson.

In Column 3, include all reports of arson which prove to be unfounded; those reports which prove upon investigation to be baseless and no offense of arson was committed or attempted.

In Column 4, enter the number of actual offenses of arson. This number is obtained by subtracting the number in Column 3 from the number in Column 2. Include attempts to commit arson.

In Column 5, enter the total number of arson offenses which were cleared by arrest or exceptional means.

In Column 6, enter the number of arson offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means involving **only** persons under 18 years of age. This number is included in Column 5 and excludes those situations in which one or more of the persons involved were 18 years of age or over.

In Column 7, enter the number of arson offenses listed in Column 4 which involve structures (A.-G. only) which were uninhabited, abandoned, deserted, or not normally in use.

In Column 8, enter the estimated value of property damage for all arson offenses listed in Column 4. Enter zero (\$0) if no property damage.

The UCR Handbook may be used as a guide to preparing this reporting with two **exceptions**:

1. The hierarchy rule will not apply in this additional report. Any other Crime Index offenses occurring in conjunction with an arson will be reported on the Return A and the arson will be reported on this report.
2. If one of the property crimes occurs in conjunction with the arson, the value of the stolen property will be reported on the Supplement to Return A and the property loss due to fire, smoke, water, or other damage resulting from the arson will be reported in Column 8 of this report.

Each agency is requested to submit this arson form each month even if there are no arsons or attempted arsons to report. (In those instances, please submit the form indicating "None" or zero (0) arson offenses.)

Any questions regarding this report may be addressed to Uniform Crime Reporting, Texas Department of Public Safety, P.O. Box 4143, Austin, Texas 78765, (512) 424-2091.