

ARSON

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1987—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,837 arsons was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1987.

The number of arsons committed per 100,000 persons was 31.9.

There were 822 arsons cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a statewide clearance rate of 21.4 percent.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for arson was the 25-29 bracket with 17.2 percent. Of all persons arrested for arson, 83.1 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for arson 63.0 percent were white, 36.5 percent were black and 0.5 percent were of other races.

Of all property classifications, motor vehicles accounted for the largest number of arsons with 1,273 offenses or 33.2 percent of all arsons. The percentage of arsons involving structures was 57.1 percent as compared to 35.1 percent for mobile property. The remaining percentage involved destruction of crops, timber, signs and other miscellaneous property. Offenses involving uninhabited structures were 298 or 7.8 percent of all arsons.

The value of property damaged by arson totaled \$25,161,640. Other residential consisted of 8.7 percent of the total amount or \$2,186,826. Mobile property consisted of 12.9 percent of the total amount damaged or \$3,237,882.

ARSON BY PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION, 1985-1987

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION	Year	Actual Offenses	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Clearances Involving Juvenile	Arson of Uninhabited Structures	Est. Value of Property Damage	Percent Change
Single Occupancy Residential: Houses, Townhouses, Duplexes, etc.	1985	1,062	- 6.9	252	42	240	\$ 8,808,561	- 6.2
	1986	1,054	- 0.8	247	47	277	7,212,080	- 18.1
	1987	1,048	- 0.6	280	54	217	7,147,795	- 0.9
Other Residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotels, Inns, Dorms, Boarding Houses, etc.	1985	346	- 7.5	100	16	55	3,053,929	- 15.9
	1986	417	+20.5	106	16	64	2,235,913	- 26.8
	1987	375	-10.1	97	20	81	2,186,826	- 2.2
Storage: Barns, Garages, Warehouses, etc.	1985	90	- 3.2	14	3	36	317,980	- 77.2
	1986	92	+ 2.2	20	12	30	412,915	+ 29.9
	1987	66	-28.3	11	5	18	236,322	- 42.8
Industrial/Manufacturing	1985	28	- 6.7	3	0	5	1,715,367	- 44.8
	1986	21	-25.0	4	0	3	922,171	- 46.2
	1987	34	+61.9	6	2	6	1,000,703	+ 8.5
Other Commercial: Stores Restaurants, Offices, etc.	1985	425	- 2.1	75	21	65	8,014,799	- 24.7
	1986	397	-20.7	53	9	64	9,447,646	+ 17.9
	1987	357	+ 5.9	61	11	76	6,773,431	- 28.3
Community/Public: Churches, Jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc.	1985	270	+40.6	121	38	33	1,423,040	+162.1
	1986	264	- 2.2	125	43	31	963,784	- 32.3
	1987	207	-21.6	101	45	28	2,833,995	+194.0
All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, etc.	1985	128	+ 7.6	41	5	47	951,221	- 9.6
	1986	149	+16.4	36	3	52	371,381	- 61.0
	1987	105	-29.5	26	8	53	212,849	- 42.7
TOTAL STRUCTURE	1985	2,349	- 1.4	606	125	481	\$ 24,284,897	- 18.4
	1986	2,334	- 0.6	591	130	521	21,565,890	- 11.2
	1987	2,192	- 6.1	582	145	479	20,391,921	- 5.4
Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc. UCR Definition	1985	1,151	+24.2	173	20	—	\$ 3,046,785	+ 30.5
	1986	1,273	+10.6	115	10	—	2,987,181	- 2.0
	1987	1,273	+ 0.0	139	31	—	2,811,239	- 5.9
Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes, Boats, etc.	1985	68	+21.4	12	4	—	529,081	+ 33.2
	1986	71	+ 4.4	10	2	—	1,372,707	+159.5
	1987	74	+ 4.2	12	3	—	426,643	- 68.9
TOTAL MOBILE	1985	1,219	+24.0	185	24	—	\$ 3,575,866	+ 30.9
	1986	1,344	+10.3	125	12	—	4,359,888	+ 21.9
	1987	1,347	+ 0.2	151	34	—	3,237,882	- 25.7
TOTAL OTHER: Crops, Timber Fences, Signs, etc.	1985	334	-14.1	105	54	—	\$ 360,748	- 25.3
	1986	293	-12.3	65	33	—	345,754	- 4.2
	1987	298	+ 1.7	89	34	—	1,531,837	+343.0
GRAND TOTAL	1985	3,902	+ 3.9	896	203	481	\$ 28,221,511	- 14.4
	1986	3,971	+ 1.8	781	175	521	26,271,532	- 6.9
	1987	3,837	- 3.4	822	213	479	25,161,640	- 4.2