

South Carolina Fire Fatalities for January - December 1997

Deaths by County

Abbeville	0
Aiken	1
Allendale	0
Anderson	0
Bamberg	2
Barnwell	0
Beaufort	4
Berkeley	2
Calhoun	0
Charleston	6
Cherokee	0
Chester	1
Chesterfield	2
Clarendon	1
Colleton	1
Darlington	0
Dillon	2
Dorchester	3
Edgefield	0
Fairfield	1
Florence	3
Georgetown	2
Greenville	3
Greenwood	3
Hampton	1
Horry	4
Jasper	0
Kershaw	3
Lancaster	0
Laurens	0

Deaths Per Month

January	24
February	13
March	3
April	3
May	14
June	4
July	7
August	3
September	2
October	5
November	5
December	10
Total	93

Cause of Death

Arson/Murder	2
Auto Related	1
Business/Industrial	0
Candles	2
Children Playing	3
Christmas Tree	0
Cooking	12
Electrical	7
Fireplace	2
Fireworks	0
Flammable Liquid	4
Heating	24
Lightning	0
Smoking	19
Suicide	0

Smoke Detector

Was smoke detector present?
No.....57
**Yes.....20
N/A (open area, auto, etc.).....3
Unknown/ Under Investigation.....13

** If present, was it working?
No.....7
Yes.....8
Unknown/ Under Investigation.....5

Where Deaths Occurred

Single-Family Dwelling	41
Mobile Home	36
Apartment	6
Duplex	1
Business/Church	2
Shed	0
Open Area	2
Recreational Vehicle	4
Automobile	1
Unknown/Other	0

Lee	1
Lexington	5
Marion	0
Marlboro	3
McCormick	0
Newberry	0
Oconee	0
Orangeburg	4
Pickens	2
Richland	12
Saluda	0
Spartanburg	5
Sumter	4
Union	2
Williamsburg	6
York	4

Too Near Open Flame	0
Other/Unknown/Under Investigation	17
* 20 fire fatalities involved alcohol or drugs. Of those 20, nine were caused by smoking, two by heating, five by cooking, one by electrical, one by candle, one by a fireplace and one under investigation.	

Deaths by Age

0-10	12
11-20	4
21-30	3
31-40	16
41-50	12
51-60	10
61-70	14
71-80	10
81-90	9
91+	2
Unknown	1