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South Carolina Civilian Fire Fatalities for December 2008

<u>Fatalities by County</u>	
Abbeville	0
Aiken	0
Allendale	0
Anderson	5
Bamberg	0
Barnwell	0
Beaufort	1
Berkeley	0
Calhoun	0
Charleston	2
Cherokee	0
Chester	1
Chesterfield	0
Clarendon	2
Colleton	0
Darlington	1
Dillon	5
Dorchester	1
Edgefield	1
Fairfield	0
Florence	1
Georgetown	3
Greenville	3
Greenwood	0
Hampton	0
Horry	8
Jasper	0
Kershaw	0
Lancaster	3
Laurens	3
Lee	2
Lexington	5
McCormick	0
Marion	2
Marlboro	1
Newberry	4
Oconee	0
Orangeburg	3
Pickens	0
Richland	2
Saluda	0
Spartanburg	10
Sumter	3
Union	0
Williamsburg	2
York	0

<u>Fatalities per Month</u>		
	2008	2007
January	6	5
February	10	5
March	9	3
April	1	5
May	6	11
June	3	3
July	4	13
August	2	1
September	7	4
October	8	1
November	9	4
December	9	5
YTD Total	74	60

<u>Suspected Cause of Fire*</u>	
Arson/Murder	1
Burning Trash	0
Business/Industry	0
Candles	2
Child w/lighter	0
Christmas Tree	0
Combustible Liquids	0
Cooking	15
Electrical	13
Fireplace Insert	1
Fireworks	0
Heating	5
Lightning	2
Smoking	4
Suicide	1
Vehicle	0
Other	4
Unknown	0
Undetermined	14
Under Investigation	12
* Fatalities involving suspected drug or alcohol involvement.	0

<u>Smoke Alarm</u>			
Was Alarm Present?			
No	25	**Yes	28
N/A	5	Unknown	16
/Under investigation			
**If Present Was It Working?			
No	4	Yes	8
Unknown/Under investigation			16
** If alarm present, Contributing Factors To Fire Which Resulted in Fatality			
Arson/Murder			0
Smoking			4
Fireplace Insert			0
Cooking			0
Candles			0
Combustible Liquids			0
Heating			0
Child w/lighter			0
Electrical			0
Unknown			1

<u>Where Fatalities Occurred</u>	
Single Family Dwelling	40
Mobile Home	17
Apartment	7
Duplex	4
Business/Church	0
Shed	0
Open Area	0
Recreational Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle	3
Other	3
Unknown	0

<u>Fatalities by Age</u>		
Age	birth-10	9
Age	11-20	1
Age	21-30	5
Age	31-40	6
Age	41-50	13
Age	51-60	12
Age	61-70	9
Age	71-80	10
Age	81-90	8
Age	91+	1
Age	Unknown	0