

## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire. A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org) or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

### 2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

#### TOTALS BY COUNTY CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

<b>COUNTY STATISTICS</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b># of Fires</b>
<b>Belknap</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Carroll</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Cheshire</b>	<b>.68</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Coos</b>	<b>17.40</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Grafton</b>	<b>12.60</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Hillsborough</b>	<b>11.34</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Merrimack</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Rockingham</b>	<b>18.54</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Strafford</b>	<b>7.94</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Sullivan</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>3</b>

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		<b>Total Fires Total Acres</b>	
Arson	10	<b>2003</b>	<b>374</b>
Debris	226	<b>2002</b>	<b>540</b>
Campfire	25	<b>2001</b>	<b>942</b>
Children	13	<b>2000</b>	<b>516</b>
Smoking	20		
Railroad	3		
Equipment	8		
Lightning	2		
Misc.*	67		

(\*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)