

The Arson Riddle: Fire Department vs. Police Department

What the Fresno Fire Department says:

Type of fire	1994		1995		1996	
	No.	Total damage	No.	Total damage	No.	Total damage
Residential	184	\$2.7 mil	140	\$2.4 mil	110	\$1.9 mil
Commercial	53	\$2.7 mil	48	\$1.5 mil	60	\$308,603
Vehicle	274	\$1.2 mil	281	\$1.37 mil	272	\$1.4 mil
Other*	351	\$88,260	809	\$188,845**	814	\$45,723
Totals	862	\$6.7 mil	1,278	\$5.4 mil	1,256	\$3.7 mil

What the Fresno Police Department reports to the FBI

Number of arson cases in Fresno

1994	862
1995	1327
1996	1114

Source: The Fresno Bee, February 15, 1997

Incompatible reporting of:

- Tree fires
- Brush Fires
- Grass Fires
- Dumpster Fires