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Incident Date	Incident Time	Date Reported	Location	Nature of Fire	Injuries	Deaths	Damage
05/30/2009	5:30 AM	05/30/2009	Mayfield A	Heating equipment in vacant residential apartment overheated producing smoke and possible flames.	0	0	\$
09/24/2009	09:59 PM	09/24/2009	Morgan House 004W	Cooking – Housekeeping employee left empty microwave in the basement room/office on and it overheated damaging the unit.	0	0	\$
03/26/2010	03:15 AM	03/26/2010	Phi Kappa Sigma – porch and meeting room	Someone intentionally ignited a banner on fire in the kitchen and carried it to the porch and set a couch on fire. On the way, drippings from the burning banner fell to the floor and started another smaller fire.	0	0	\$
04/04/2010	10:30 AM	04/04/2010	Lewis House 511	Cooking – unattended roasting oats in oven ignited.	0	0	\$
09/04/2010	10:35 PM	09/04/2010	Lewis House 903 (kitchenette area)	Cooking – Oil being heated on stovetop ignited.	0	0	\$
10/12/2010	01:31 PM	10/12/2010	Lewis House	Cooking – Food on the burner ignited. Resident extinguished the flame.	0	0	\$
09/08/2011	07:30 PM	09/08/2011	Towers 4 Suite 1206	Cooking - Unattended frying onions	0	0	\$

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11/13/2011	1:30 AM	11/13/2011	Mayfield C 1411C Rooms 11, 12 & 13	Intentional: About 20 persons were playing the Rock Band video game, which uses drumsticks. Someone in the group placed a wooden drumstick in microwave and turned it on for more than an hour and the drumstick ignited.	0	0	\$
04/19/2012	1:15 AM	04/19/2012	Stambaugh 107 and North Patio	Intentional: A student lit a roll of toilet paper in a Stambaugh classroom and then decided to place it in an empty trash can and put the fire out. Later when class had begun, his professor removed the trashcan from the building because of the smoky smell. The roll reignited in the can on the residence hall patio and was extinguished more thoroughly by the Area Maintenance Supervisor.	0	0	\$
09/02/2012	07:50 AM	09/02/2012	Chaffin Apartments 421	Cooking – Food in oven caught fire.	0	0	\$
02/15/2013	01:40 PM	02/15/2013	Carmichael Towers IV (flower bed by the dock & air intake)	This incident was caused by the careless disposal of smoking refuse.	0	0	\$
04/03/2013	01:05 AM	04/03/2013	Cole Hall 342	The resident had a candle burning in the room that ignited a curtain, blinds, and a chair.	0	0	\$157

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04/26/2013	10:00 PM	04/26/2013	Scales House 2126	Two residents were packing up their belongings, when the packing paper was ignited by a candle they had burning in the room. This fire produced a significant amount of smoke causing the smoke detector to activate prior to being able to extinguish the fire.	0	0	\$
05/22/2013	04:07 PM	05/22/2013	Gillette House 518	A friend of the resident had a candle burning in the room. The candle ignited a backpack which further spread to the bedding, rug, and a curtain-like sheet hanging on the side of the bed. The fire produced enough heat to activate one of the two sprinkler heads in the room and extinguished the fire.	0	0	\$99,875.00
10/05/2013	05:21 PM	10/05/2013	Lewis House 1006	A resident was cooking with oil and left it unattended for a short while. When the resident returned to it shortly later, it was in flames. The sprinkler system in the kitchen immediately activated to contain the fire and extinguish the fire. Multiple floors and rooms received water damage.	0	0	\$36,587.24
11/13/2014	10:54 PM	11/13/2014	Chaffin Apartments 122F	While attempting to re-heat a pizza, a pizza box was accidentally set on fire from being placed in an oven. The fire was immediately extinguished and no damage occurred to the oven or the building.	0	0	\$

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01/31/2015	11:05AM	01/31/2015	ZTA House, kitchen	While cooking bacon, there was a brief open flame in the skillet. Once the heat source was discontinued the flames went out and no damage occurred.	0	0	\$
09/12/2015	05:45 PM	09/12/2015	Mayfield Building E, kitchen	The resident accidentally turned the stove eye on while walking past the range. A cake box on top of the range caught on fire for a short time. The fire was quickly extinguished, and no damage occurred.	0	0	\$
9/9/2016	10:14 AM	9/9/2016	Carmichael Towers Two	Discarded cigarette ashes were placed in a trashcan inside a restroom. The contents of the trashcan ignited which resulted in a small trashcan fire.	0	0	\$75
12/3/2016	7:33 PM	12/3/2016	Carmichael Towers One	Tea kettle overheated on the stove and the kettle caught on fire. Minor damage occurred.	0	0	\$75
3/3/2017	4:15 PM	3/3/2017	Carmichael Towers East Basement	A fire ignited in mechanical room, affecting air handler, and causing moderate smoke damage throughout building. Cause of fire due to discarded smoking material drawn into air intake.	0	0	\$450,000
4/7/2017	12:06 PM	4/7/2017	Lewis House	A fire ignited due to overheated oil in cooking pan on stovetop.	0	0	\$17,884
9/23/2017	10:28 AM	9/23/2017	Mayfield Apartment 4	A small fire ignited due to burnt cookies in the oven.	0	0	\$250

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4/14/2018	4:45 PM	4/15/2018	Lewis House	A fire ignited due to unattended cooking, resulting in a small cooking fire on stovetop.	0	0	\$0
7/23/2018	12:20 PM	7/24/2018	Memorial House	A small electrical fire occurred as a result of an HVAC unit overheating.	0	0	\$250
4/4/2019	8:48 PM	4/4/2019	Carmichael Tower 3	Kitchen pans were not removed from the oven prior to pre-heating. This resulted in a small oven fire.	0	0	\$0
8/23/2019	7:33 PM	8/23/2019	E. Bronson Ingram	A smoldering piece of cardboard was placed in a trashcan. This resulted in a fire that occurred in the kitchen maintenance area of EBI.	0	0	\$725
9/7/2019	5:29 PM	9/7/2019	North Hall	While cooking, plastic bags ignited as a result of being placed next to the stovetop. This resulted in a small kitchen fire.	0	0	\$0
10/23/2019	8:00 PM	10/23/2019	Mayfield Apartments	While cooking, butter dropped onto the burner, resulting in a small fire.	0	0	\$125
11/2/2019	6:15 AM	11/2/2019	Carmichael Tower 1	Cigarettes were improperly disposed of in a trashcan in the restroom. Smoldering cigarettes ignited within the trashcan resulting in a fire.	0	0	\$1,250
2/20/2020	11:28 PM	2/20/2020	Mayfield Apartment	Tortilla chips being cooked within the oven ignited, resulting in a small cooking fire.	0	0	\$0

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3/15/2020	3:45 AM	3/15/2020	Morgan House	While cooking, a small fire ignited in the oven.	0	0	\$0
9/17/2020	10:38 AM	9/17/2020	McTyeire	The blower motor on an HVAC unit overheated and caused a mechanical equipment fire.	0	0	\$500
9/27/2020	9:03 PM	9/28/2020	Crawford House	A clothes dryer caught fire as the result of excess lint buildup in the exhaust ventilation pipes.	0	0	\$1525
10/22/2020	5:17 PM	10/22/20	Tolman	A clothes dryer caught fire due to overloading from a large load clothes, bedding, and a foam pillow being dried simultaneously.	0	0	\$750
11/16/2020	11:58 PM	11/17/2020	Village at Vanderbilt	A fire occurred on an outside balcony. A discarded cigarette butt burned the outside façade and caused damage.	0	0	\$2,000
4/10/21	11:13 AM	4/10/2021	McGill	Food cooking in a toaster oven ignited, resulting in a small cooking fire.	0	0	\$0
5/5/2021	8:42 PM	5/5/2021	Delta Delta Delta	Small stove-top cooking fire in kitchen.	0	0	\$2,989.96
8/28/2021	12:43 AM	8/28/2021	Vaughn	Food cooking in the microwave ignited, resulting in a small fire	0	0	\$75
2/28/2022	9:54 AM	2/28/2023	Sutherland House	Cooking fire	0	0	\$0
3/29/2022	10:25 PM	3/29/2022	Alpha Epsilon Pi	Small candle fire	0	0	\$0

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4/25/2022	2:00 AM	4/25/2022	Morgan House	Cooking fire	0	0	\$0
9/16/2022	5:20 PM	9/16/2022	Morgan House	A small fire occurred in a dryer while in use	0	0	\$0
3/4/2023	4:30 PM	3/4/2023	Mayfield E	Kitchen fire in oven from plastic plate	0	0	\$2,585.05
3/25/2023	4:30 PM	3/25/2023	Rothschild Dining Hall	Small equipment (impinger) fire	0	0	\$15,000
9/16/2023	10:20AM	9/16/2023	Chaffin Place	Kitchen fire in oven from plastic plate	0	0	\$1,477.97
10/29/2023	9:30PM	10/30/2023	Lewis House	Stove top fire due to grease	0	0	\$0