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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Cause identified in all but one structure fire

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque Fire Department responded to 11 structure fires from December 1, 2008 through January 6, 2009.

The date, location, and cause of each fire are listed below.

Date	Location	Cause
12/01/2008	1206 Rhomberg	Fire involving clothes dryer
12/04/2008	754 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	Wiring to a space heater
12/11/2008	490 Hayden Lane	Fire involving the stove
12/20/2008	1350 Elm Street	Arson, arrest made
12/20/2008	481 Primrose	Most likely spontaneous combustion or improper disposal of smoking materials
12/21/2008	1322 Rockdale	Electrical in kitchen area
12/22/2008	3759 Inwood	Fireplace
12/25/2008	2550 Kerper	Battery short in vehicle stored inside building
12/30/2008	1537 Bluff	Under investigation
01/03/2009	2819 Meadow Wood	Kerosene heater knocked over by dog
01/06/2009	471 ½ Almond	Damaged extension cords

“It’s important that people check their smoke detectors regularly and be careful when using auxiliary heaters,” said Dubuque Fire Chief Dan Brown. “As of January 26, the state of Iowa has already experienced 13 fire-related deaths in 2009. At this time last year, there were only three fire-related deaths statewide.”

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