

# Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program

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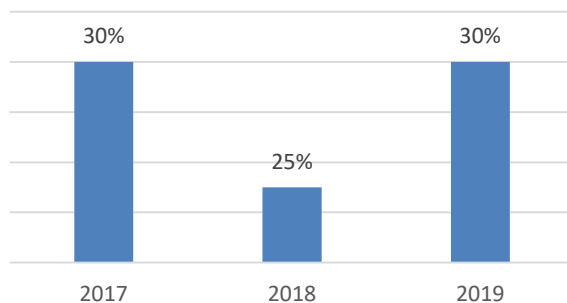
## BACKGROUND

The Youth Fire Intervention Program is an educational program for youth identified misusing fire. The youth referred to the program exhibit a range of behaviors such as curiosity to risky or thrill seeking behavior. The youth is then referred to the program by the Department of Juvenile Justice/Probation, school police or other local authorities, fire departments, mental health agencies, or by a concerned parent/guardian.

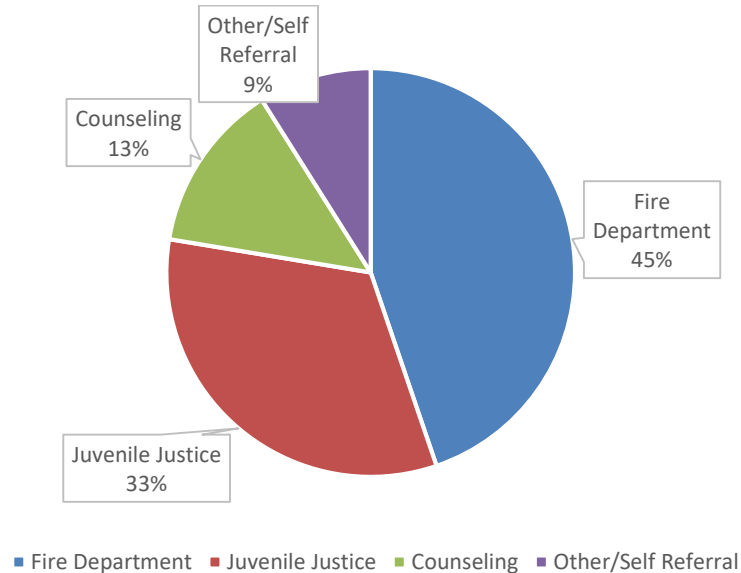
## OBJECTIVE

Las Vegas Fire and Rescue along with several other local fire departments, UMC Lions Burn Care Center, various mental health agencies, and the Department of Juvenile Justice have collaborated to create a structured and meaningful educational program for youth with the intent to prevent future fire activity. The program is tailored for each individual based on specific needs.

## Youth Arson Arrests



## Referral Source



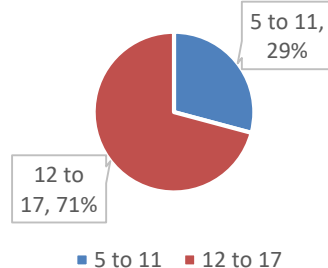
## METHODS

When a child is referred to the Youth Fire Intervention Program, the team begins by reaching out to the parent or guardian. During this call, basic background information is gathered and an appointment is created for a formal assessment/intake. The youth and parent/guardian are asked to attend the assessment/intake. They are interviewed to gather information regarding the incident and attain other possible contributing factors. If other concerns arise during the interview, appropriate referrals are made to mental health or other agencies as needed. Once the intake is completed, the youth and their families attend the Youth Fire Academy. During this class, the youth and families are educated regarding fire safety, consequences of 'fireplay' including burn injuries and legal ramifications. This is to educate the family regarding the seriousness of the event and prevent any future misuse of fire.

## RESULTS/CONCLUSION

Currently there is limited data. Preliminary data shows that none of the youth that have participated in the Youth Fire Intervention and Prevention program have additional offences of misusing fire within the first year of completing the program. Additional evaluations are ongoing at this time.

## Age



## Gender

