

## **Summary**

Information contained in this chapter is derived from Monthly Returns of Arson Offenses. Variations may occur between this chapter and the remainder of the report due to reporting adjustments made by contributing agencies.

There were 2,362 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 6 each day, or one every 3 hours and 42 minutes. This is a decrease of 53.9 percent from the 5,119 offenses reported last year. Arson comprised .7 percent of the Crime Index and .9 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 19.2.

This year 19.7 percent or 466 arsons were cleared, compared to 13.8 percent or 707 clearances last year. This is an increase in percentage cleared and a decrease in the number of clearances from last year.