



FIRE SAFETY IN PUBLIC HOUSING

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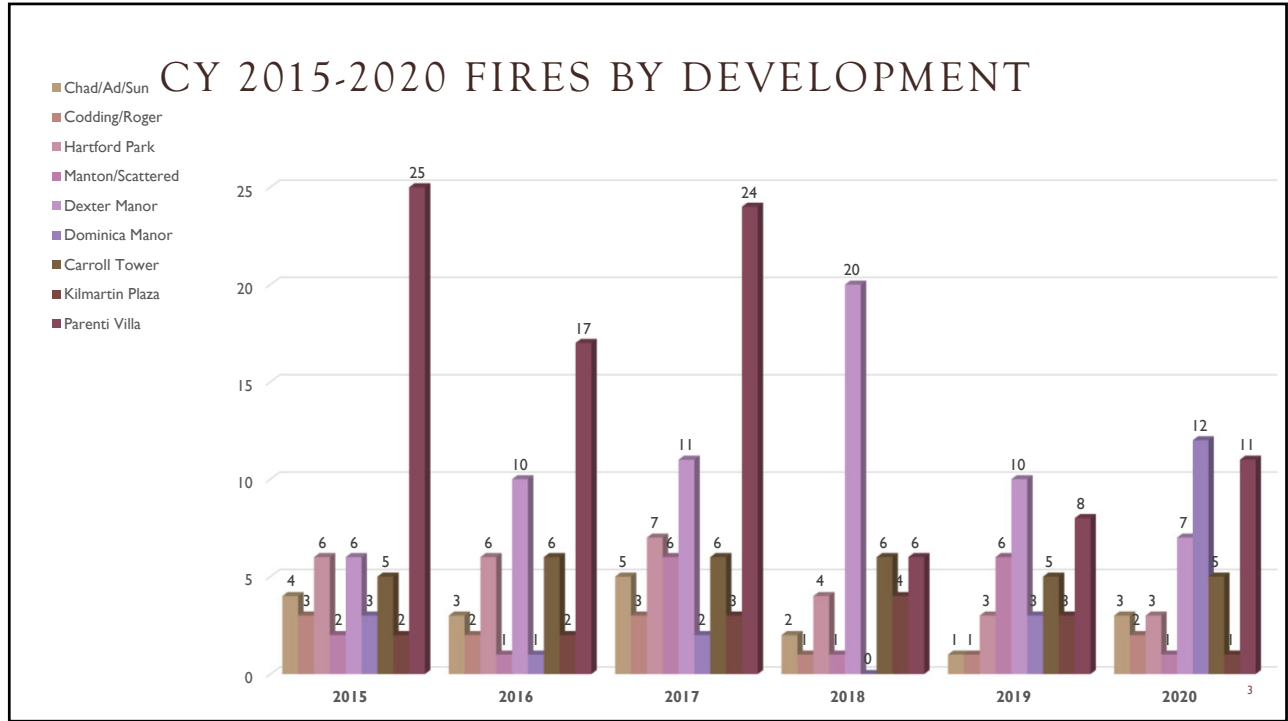
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FIRE SAFETY – A LONG TERM FOCUS FOR PHA

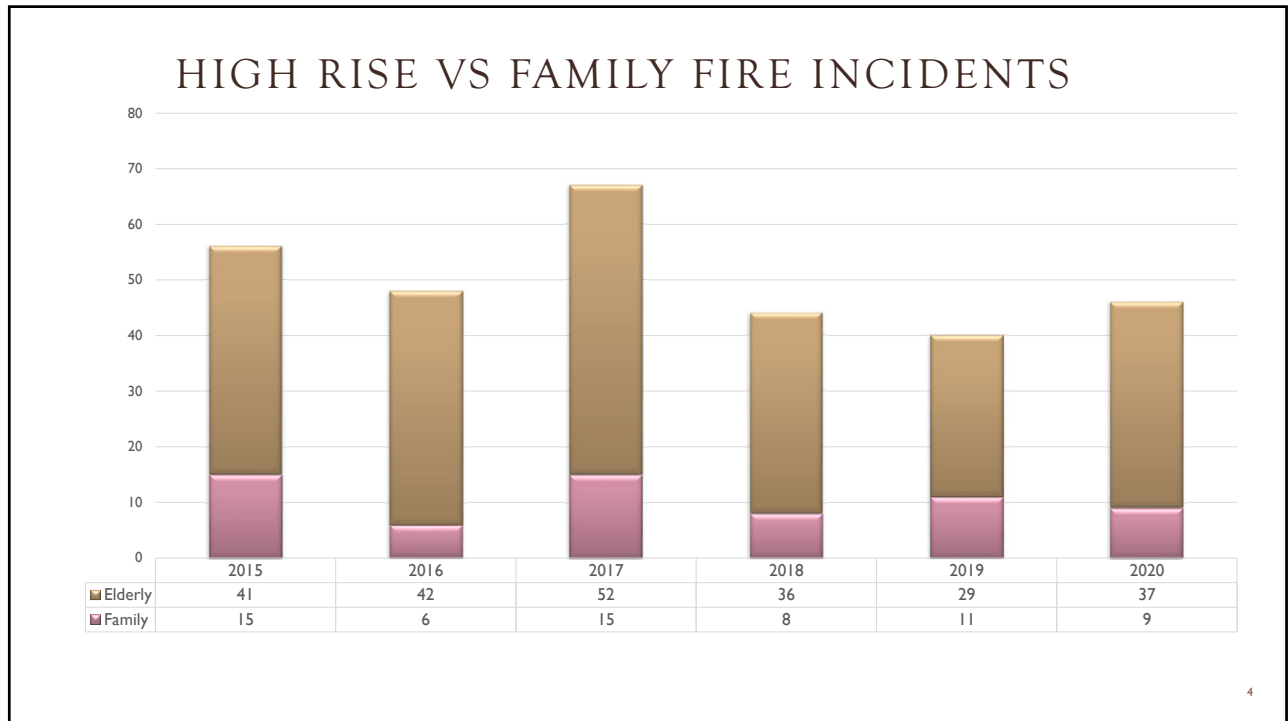
- *FEMA grants to install Safe-T plates – Federal FY2012 and thereafter*
- *Longstanding tenant education including*
 - *One on one meetings*
 - *Group presentations at high rises*
 - *Presence at family events*
- *Partnership with Providence Fire Dept/State Fire Marshal*
- *Tracking*
- *Board policy requiring attendance at fire safety education for tenants with a fire incident*
 - *Adopted one-on-one meetings in addition to group presentations starting in 2017*

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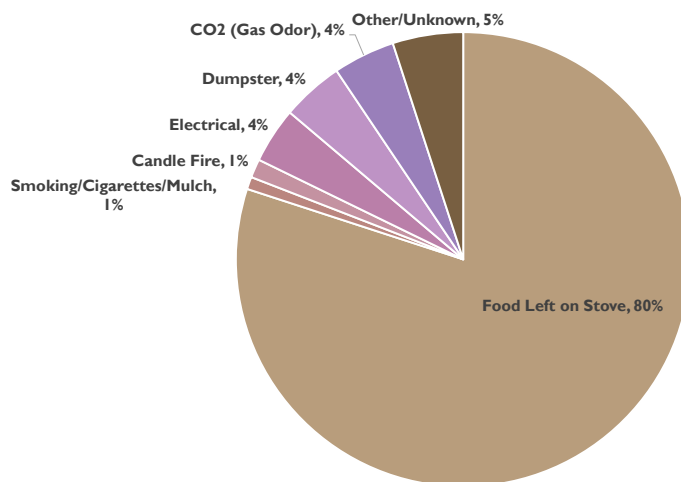
HIGH RISK FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED

- *Reduced sensory abilities*
 - *smell, touch, vision, and hearing,*
- *Diminished mental faculties*
 - *such as dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and depression.*
- *Disabilities – more likely in elderly population, and PHA also houses non-elderly disabled in most high rises.*
- *Risks related to poor health*
- *Impacts of Medication*
- *Greatest number of fire calls 2015-2020 – Parenti Villa (91), Dexter Manor (64).*
 - *Carroll Tower (15) and Dominica Manor (21) have much smaller numbers for size.*
- *Food on the Stove – largest cause by far in high rises*

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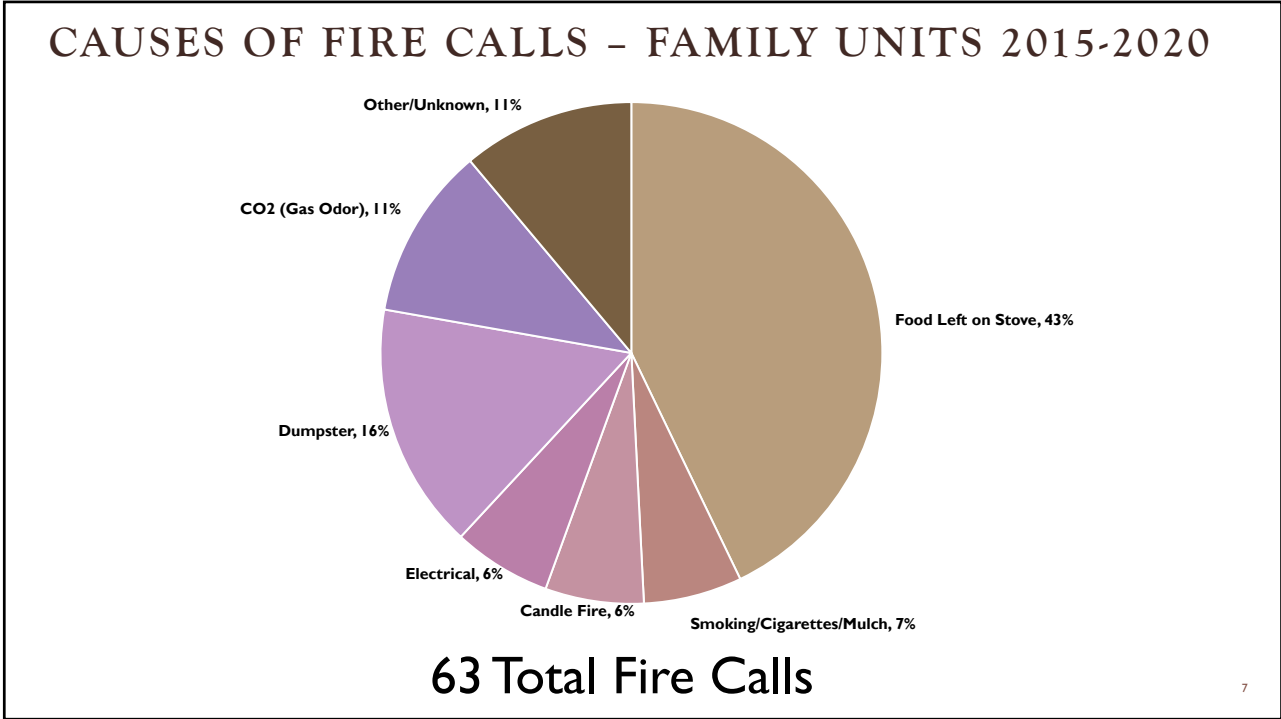
CAUSES OF FIRE CALLS – HIGH RISE 2015-2020



237 Total Fire Calls

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FIRE SAFETY GROUP TRAINING ATTENDANCE

AMP	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hartford Park Tower	21	18	7	29	24
Dexter Manor	22	20	7	52	24
Dominica Manor	20	17	10	42	17
Carroll Tower	36	25	20	38	47
Kilmartin Plaza	18	15	11	32	20
Parenti Villa	22	19	16	44	30
Total	139	114	71	237	162

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FIRE SAFETY

Fire prevention starts with you!

Beware of fire hazards.
Cooking, heating, electrical outlets, cigarettes, and candles are common fire hazards.

Know what to do.
Create a fire escape plan with exit points for every room in your home.

Don't fan the flames.
Air provides fuel to flames, increasing the likelihood fire will spread.

Know your stove - Safe T Element
Each burner on your stovetop has a Safe-T-Element cooking system installed to help prevent fires. The device saves energy and prevents fires by maintaining the temperature right below the smoke point of oil. Cooking times will vary when using your stovetop because of this tool. Your oven will not be affected.

Without Safety Feature **With Safe-T-Element**

Providence **pha** Housing Authority
www.ProvHousing.org
@ProvHousing

PANDEMIC ADAPTATIONS

- Distribution of information via email, text, and mass phone call
- One on one phone meetings for those with fire incidents
- Large group sessions on hold – may restart in Fall if safety allows
- New flyer for move ins (versions in English and Spanish)

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ONGOING AND FUTURE EFFORTS

- Automated Sprinkler project
- Ongoing and new forms of resident education – including on sprinkler systems
 - Speaking with other HAs who have installed these for successes and challenges
- In person meetings by appointment
- Changes within Units
 - Electric stove units – new safety plate model
 - Gas units – stovetop fire stop

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QUESTIONS?