

Sokoto: 8 died in fire outbreaks in 2019

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Eight lives were lost and properties worth N4.5 billion destroyed in 572 fire incidents recorded last year in Sokoto, the State Fire Service has confirmed.

The service however said 927 lives of fire victims were saved and N4.7 billion worth of valuables recovered in the 2019 incidents.

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State Fire Prevention Officer, Malam Nuhu Lawal, who disclosed this yesterday in Sokoto harped on the need for residents to be cautious and ensure safety measures against inferno.

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He said several of the fire occurrences were due to electrical spark and negligence and assured that the State Fire Service has functional fire-fighting vehicles, water truck back-ups, and operational fire stations equipped with modern fire-fighting tools within Sokoto metropolis.

He disclosed that the state government bought additional 10 new vehicles, refurbished the existing ones and constructed eight fire stations as well as recruited 50 additional fire men.

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