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THE COST OF FIRE AND FIRE PROTECTION IN THE UNITED STATES-2008

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The Abstract of a study titled "*The Total Cost of Fire in the United States*" written by John R. Hall, Jr. of the Fire Analysis and Research Division of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) dated February 2011 contains the following excerpt:

"The total cost of fire in the United States, as it is defined, is a combination of the losses caused by fire and the money spent on fire prevention, protection and mitigation to prevent worse losses, by preventing them, containing them, detecting them quickly, and suppressing them effectively. For 2008, that total cost is estimated at \$362 billion, or roughly 2.5% of U.S. gross domestic product."

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