CHIMNEY FIRES CHECKLIST

 \checkmark Use this checklist each time you look at possible chimney fires.

Common external signs of a chimney fire include:

- "Puffy" creosote that has expanded beyond creosote's normal form
- □ Warped metal smoke chamber connector pipe or factory-built metal chimney
- Cracked or collapsed flue tiles, or tiles with large chunks missing
- Distorted rain cap
- Heat-damaged TV antenna attached to the chimney
- Creosote found on the roof
- Cracks in exterior masonry
- Evidence of smoke escaping through mortar joints of masonry chimney

Remember...

While these indicators may point to a chimney fire, many of these external signs can also be caused by other factors. The definitive sign of a chimney fire is the presence of "puffed" creosote.

The important question then is, did the chimney fire cause damage? Tougher, but still possible to answer is did a chimney fire cause the damage that is present?

