

From the Romulus [Little Paper](#)

### **Ann Arbor Resident Says Smart Meter Exploded**

To the Editor:

I am a DTE customer who was excited to get the new technology of the smart meters. Less than two months after installation, the meter exploded and could have caused serious damage.

It is NOT true that people who are reporting these fires were people who were already against smart meters and had bias regarding them. We were on Channel 7 News and I'd be happy to talk to the "investigator" [Taylor Fire Marshal John Hager] regarding our issue. DTE is burying these fires and they do NOT get included in any investigations.

*Bonnie Medd*

*Ann Arbor*

From the Romulus [Little Paper](#)

### **Opinions**

#### **MSSM Spokesperson Disputes Headline Over Fire Marshal's Commentary**

To the Editor,

I was dismayed to see such an irresponsible headline running over [Taylor Fire Marshal John] Hager's report on smart meter fires. His report is all about fire risks except for one sentence where he quotes a DTE representative as saying, in effect, that there are no health issues. Mr. Hager's qualifications are in the area of fire investigations, not health effects. His report does not indicate that it was ever his purpose to investigate the health effects, nor did he talk to anyone who might have refuted DTE's claim in that regard. His fire investigation was also limited to southeastern Michigan and the brand of smart meters being installed here. There is plenty of evidence of smart meters causing fires in other states, notably Pennsylvania. In that state, there were so many fires they had to suspend the whole program. Yet you chose to run his report as an editorial under a very misleading headline. The word 'unsafe' implies a much broader range of issues than just fires. Your headline should have been 'No Evidence Michigan Smart Meters Causing Fires.'

*David Sheldon*

*Michigan Stop Smart Meters*