

# Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal

## Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's office was created in 1909 by a legislative act known as the "Fire Commission Law". The duties of the State Fire Marshal are specified in Chapter 81, State Statute 81-502, R.R.S. Additional responsibilities are found in Chapter 28, State Statutes 28-1241 to 28-2152 (Fireworks Laws), 81-15,117 to 81-15,127 (Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act); 81-542 to 81-551 (Pipeline Safety Act); 81-5147 to 81-5150 (State Accessibility Standards), and 81-5151 to 81-5157 (Fire Fighter Training).

## Vision Statement:

The State Fire Marshal Agency is dedicated to Nebraska's citizens and businesses with a professional approach to those services designed to assert a feeling of security to all citizens for the protection of their property and lives from the ravages of fire. Visions address an inspection system in conjunction with the promotion of safety and awareness of those dangers associated with gas pipelines, the inspection of underground storage tanks, including the environmental impact and inherent dangers, and the operation of a defined and professionally organized statewide emergency services training program.

## Mission Statement:

The State Fire Marshal Agency's mission is to provide measures for: life and property protection from fire, environmental concerns, building accessibility, and homeland security through education, inspections, training, and response.

## Goals:

1. Provide training, assistance and education to emergency response organizations addressing emergencies, acts of terrorism, fire prevention, inspections and public safety.
2. Sustain fire investigations to deter arson and fraudulent claims.
3. Promote citizen awareness and safety by enforcing the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act and Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substance Storage and Handling Act.
4. Support building, structure, and vessel inspections and plans reviews to increase and justify, the purpose for code compliance and life safety.
5. Manage a service award benefit program for volunteer responders.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	835,401	640,720	1,253,212	620,268	1,253,212	1,226,043
Cash Fund	2,696,685	3,508,227	2,968,691	3,557,319	2,948,428	3,109,607
Federal Fund	374,498	121,705	121,705	129,780	121,705	138,819
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	3,906,584	4,270,652	4,343,608	4,307,367	4,323,345	4,474,469

## Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal Program 193 - Protection Of People And Property

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### Program Objectives:

Umbrella Program Number 193 includes Program Classification Numbers 225, 226, and 227.

This umbrella program includes the appropriations for General Operations, Pipeline Safety, and Underground Storage Tanks.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	304,618	7,398	622,095	23,701	622,095	606,750
Cash Fund	2,660,857	3,442,228	2,902,692	3,538,864	2,882,429	3,088,687
Federal Fund	247,659	121,705	121,705	129,780	121,705	138,819
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,213,134</b>	<b>3,571,331</b>	<b>3,646,492</b>	<b>3,692,345</b>	<b>3,626,229</b>	<b>3,834,256</b>

### Performance Measures:

## Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal Program 340 - Training Division

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### Program Objectives:

The Training Division has five projected goals, which include new technology uses for training and instruction, supported by a performance based management system. These include measures to maintain and improve continuity, uniformity, and quality of courses presented. This approach will be impacted by an increased demand of all staff, including full time and part time instructors, to use computer technology, enhance record keeping strategies, upgrade qualifications, widen the scope of curriculum development and usage, broaden the reach of certification; and present the entry-level core courses requested by organizations for daily response knowledge and skills, and required to participate in advanced and specialized training.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	523,248	607,861	612,890	577,974	612,890	600,327
Cash Fund	35,828	65,999	65,999	18,455	65,999	20,920
Federal Fund	126,839	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>685,915</b>	<b>673,860</b>	<b>678,889</b>	<b>596,429</b>	<b>678,889</b>	<b>621,247</b>

### Performance Measures:

The Training Division evaluates its performance by the data entered on all classes, short programs, meetings, mutual aid sessions, and other special training events presented. The analysis of this data produces outcomes on how many classes are conducted, how many students were present and how many students successfully completed the classes, percentage of classes conducted in each region, and identification of types of classes presented. Our goals support further expansion of specialized and certification classes to be presented, instructor trainer qualifications, and usage of computer technology to support the presentation of core courses to meet basic and prerequisite needs of the emergency response organizations.

## Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal Program 415 - Emergency Responders Act

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### Program Objectives:

The State Fire Marshal's Office has three goals for managing the Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act (VERRRA). These goals shall establish a management system for documenting all records and lists, supply pertinent information to volunteer organizations on establishing a program, and supply all reports and information to state agencies per the state statute.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	7,535	25,461	18,227	18,593	18,227	18,966
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,535</b>	<b>25,461</b>	<b>18,227</b>	<b>18,593</b>	<b>18,227</b>	<b>18,966</b>

### Performance Measures:

A database has been developed to track names, addresses, beneficiary information, and to tabulate the total of all such volunteers as reported. Information packets have been mailed to approximately 600 cities, villages, or rural/suburban fire protection districts notifying them of VERRRA. Upon request or at the direction of the State Fire Marshal, the assistant will attend public gatherings, State Fire School, winter conferences, and mutual aid meetings to ensure local organizations and membership understand the requirements and program documentation needed to participate in the service award benefit program.