

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, N.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 81-5153, & 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. The vision addresses 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; and,
- 6) administer a comprehensive statistical analysis program.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	1,418,231	3,370,188	3,471,487	3,482,189	3,478,688	3,705,043
Cash Fund	2,078,775	1,045,510	1,117,993	1,164,084	1,116,490	1,113,099
Federal Fund	735,835	126,056	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	4,232,841	4,541,754	4,639,480	4,696,273	4,645,178	4,868,142

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

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 FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	853,836	2,738,013	2,804,786	2,888,121	2,811,528	3,018,092
Cash Fund	2,078,775	1,030,048	1,102,531	1,074,476	1,101,028	1,098,490
Federal Fund	600,979	126,056	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,533,590	3,894,117	3,957,317	4,012,597	3,962,556	4,166,582

Performance Measures:

Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal Program 340 - Training Division

Program Objectives:

The Training Division has six projected goals, which include technology uses for training and instruction, supported by a performance based management system; with measures to maintain and improve continuity, uniformity, and quality of courses presented. This approach will be impacted by an increased demand of all instructors to use computer technology, enhance record keeping strategies, upgrade qualifications, widen the scope of curriculum development, broaden the reach of certification, present the entry-level core courses requested by organizations for response knowledge and skills that are required to participate in advanced and specialized training, and implement the program for electronic information, registration, and location of training classes through a web-based application.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	561,900	613,411	654,700	582,340	655,159	675,131
Cash Fund	0	15,462	15,462	89,608	15,462	14,609
Federal Fund	134,856	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	696,756	628,873	670,162	671,948	670,621	689,740

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

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 FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	2,495	18,764	12,001	11,728	12,001	11,820
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
Total	2,495	18,764	12,001	11,728	12,001	11,820

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.