

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 Vision of the State Fire Marshal Agency is to provide all citizens with a fire safe community, protecting their lives and property from the ravages of fire.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the State Fire Marshal is to provide measures for life and property protection from fire, environmental concerns, and building accessibility by means of inspections and plans reviews; provide emergency response training, education and certification; and homeland security response and mitigation assistance.

Goals:

1. Provide training, assistance and education to emergency response organizations addressing emergencies, acts of terrorism, fire prevention, inspections, and public safety;
2. perform 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 on fire and incidents in the State.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	3,395,508	3,815,673	3,855,356	3,494,729	3,856,034	4,315,686
Cash Fund	765,907	1,158,419	1,198,804	1,658,258	1,207,820	1,259,800
Federal Fund	421,219	50,000	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	4,582,634	5,024,092	5,104,160	5,202,987	5,113,854	5,625,486

Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal Program 193 - Public Protection

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 FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	2,716,063	3,063,710	3,036,725	2,670,811	3,010,310	3,231,406
Cash Fund	666,551	1,142,148	1,179,028	1,638,474	1,188,044	1,192,913
Federal Fund	332,729	50,000	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	3,715,343	4,255,858	4,265,753	4,359,285	4,248,354	4,474,319

Performance Measures:

Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal Program 340 - Training Division

Program Objectives:

The Training Division has four projected goals for the next biennium.

1. Provide the basic emergency response training for the fire service designed to establish the platform for advanced training.
2. Provide advanced levels of emergency response training and specialized response training.
3. Improve the computer technology in curriculum design and presentation, and upgrade the web-based course request, registration, and application process on the website.
4. Increase the levels of the certification program, including designated test sites and testing props for consistency and continuity.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	673,459	739,585	806,253	811,445	833,346	857,162
Cash Fund	99,356	16,271	19,776	19,784	19,776	19,789
Federal Fund	88,490	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	861,305	755,856	826,029	831,229	853,122	876,951

Performance Measures:

The Training Division evaluates its performance by the data entered into the databases on courses, short programs, meetings, mutual aid sessions, and other special training events presented. The analysis of this data produces outcomes on how many courses are conducted, how many students were present and how many students successfully completed the courses, percentage of courses conducted in each region, and identification of types of courses presented annually. Our goals support further expansion of specialized and certification courses 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. All part-time instructor presented courses will be part of the data analysis, including costs associated with the delivery of those courses.

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 FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	5,986	12,378	12,378	12,473	12,378	12,565
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	5,986	12,378	12,378	12,473	12,378	12,565

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.

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Program 845 - Public Safety Communication System

Program Objectives:

Program 845 represents the budget for State Fire Marshal's share of operating costs for the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	214,553
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	47,098
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	0	0	0	0	0	261,651

Performance Measures: