

Agency 021 - STATE FIRE MARSHAL

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

State Statute 81-502 establishes the State Fire Marshal Agency under the authority of the Governor to enforce all laws of the state relating to the suppression of arson and investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires; to promote safety and reduce loss by fire; make an investigation for fire safety of the premises and facilities; adopt, promulgate, alter, and enforce through inspections and code compliance, orders, rules and regulations. Citation: Neb.Rev. Stat. §§ 81-15,117 et. al (2006 Cum Sup.)

VISION:

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 AND PRINCIPLES:

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.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	3,482,527	4,334,612	4,580,561	4,458,667	4,476,058	4,472,788
Cash Fund	870,911	1,580,506	1,728,127	1,607,736	1,753,452	1,610,836
Federal Fund	493,965	269,596	269,596	269,596	269,596	269,596
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	4,847,402	6,184,714	6,578,284	6,335,999	6,499,106	6,353,220
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	27,870	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	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 Aid Funding	27,870	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	3,482,527	4,334,612	4,580,561	4,458,667	4,476,058	4,472,788
Cash Fund	898,781	1,580,506	1,728,127	1,607,736	1,753,452	1,610,836
Federal Fund	493,965	319,596	319,596	319,596	319,596	319,596
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	4,875,272	6,234,714	6,628,284	6,385,999	6,549,106	6,403,220

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Program 193 - PUBLIC PROTECTION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The State Fire Marshal conducts fire prevention activities, performs inspections, and does fire investigations. These activities are measured by hours spent on those functions, number of citizens contacted regarding fire prevention, facilities inspected with hours contributing to those inspections, and types of inspections.

The Fire Marshal conducts inspections of pipelines, underground storage tanks and piping, and enforce Department of Transportation regulations for pipeline safety and EPA regulations for flammable liquids. A One-Call system is managed by the agency and leaks or suspected leaks are investigated.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

-- Conduct plan reviews to increase and justify code compliance and life safety issues, conduct inspections for fire and life safety, provide emergency assistance for hazmat incident and

acts of terrorism, provide training to deputy inspectors, and provide team members for the SERT and WIRAT.

-- Conduct fire investigations, organize litigious preparation on investigations, enforce accessibility standards, and license fireworks distributors and retailers.

-- Provide grain elevator inspections, and regulate the handling, use and storage of hazardous materials.

-- Provide training to emergency reponse organizations on incident reponse reporting, provide possible annual reports of statewide incident statistics, and support the compilation of state incident data for the federal government.

-- Present fire prevention education to the public, provide on-site education with fire safety simulation, provide training to delegated authorities, and certify fire alarm inspectors.

-- Inspect all gas pipeline operators and their subdivisions at least once every three years, and enforce the Pipeline Safety Act.

-- Promote the use of Nebraska One-Call Notification System especially by the public.

-- Assist the gas pipeline operators in liaison and training of public safety officials.

-- Inspect facilities for compliance with safe handling practices and leak detection procedures.

-- Maintain and oversee a licensing and certification system for tank installers, removers, and cathodic protection testers, and investigate reported or suspected releases.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Current performance evaluations are based on an accountability system of codes per functions. This system will be upgraded to more specifically address all types of inspections which will include specifics on travel, initial visits, reports completed, revisits, and any additional contact time. These inspections will be listed by type, purpose, and affiliation. Fire Prevention activities are measured by hours spent conducting presentations per site, numbers of attendees which is measured by adults and children, and number of sites for presentations. Classes that address any of these functions are evaluated by student attendance and contact hours.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:

Umbrella Program Number 193 includes Program Classification Numbers 225, 226, and 227. The Governor's recommendation within this umbrella program includes the appropriations for General Operations, Pipeline Safety, and Underground Storage Tanks.

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Program 193 - PUBLIC PROTECTION

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	2,771,469	3,239,940	3,311,388	3,239,940	3,347,554	3,239,940
Cash Fund	855,916	1,517,137	1,621,168	1,517,137	1,673,825	1,517,137
Federal Fund	435,117	269,596	269,596	269,596	269,596	269,596
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	4,062,502	5,026,673	5,202,152	5,026,673	5,290,975	5,026,673
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	27,870	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	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 Aid Funding	27,870	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	2,771,469	3,239,940	3,311,388	3,239,940	3,347,554	3,239,940
Cash Fund	883,786	1,517,137	1,621,168	1,517,137	1,673,825	1,517,137
Federal Fund	435,117	319,596	319,596	319,596	319,596	319,596
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	4,090,372	5,076,673	5,252,152	5,076,673	5,340,975	5,076,673

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Program 340 - TRAINING DIVISION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Training Division operates a statewide training program for fire department personnel, persons involved in fire safety education, and emergency responders from various service fields that require specialized training to respond to emergencies within their jurisdiction. The Division promotes and supports specialized training conducted for the development, maintenance, and updating of fire department personnel and other emergency response personnel to refine their skills to handle unique emergencies.

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 number of classes included in the certification program and develop additional and refine existing test facilities and props to insure validity and reliability within the testing program.

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.

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Program 340 - TRAINING DIVISION

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	698,236	867,393	893,240	867,393	899,475	867,393
Cash Fund	14,995	16,271	27,279	16,271	32,228	16,271
Federal Fund	58,848	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	772,079	883,664	920,519	883,664	931,703	883,664
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	698,236	867,393	893,240	867,393	899,475	867,393
Cash Fund	14,995	16,271	27,279	16,271	32,228	16,271
Federal Fund	58,848	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	772,079	883,664	920,519	883,664	931,703	883,664

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Program 415 - EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act (VERRRA) creates documentation responsibilities that are assigned to the State Fire Marshal's Office. The State Fire Marshal's portion of VERRRA is managed by the State Fire Marshal and supported by a staff assistant from a District Office. The staff assistant develops a record-keeping and certification list database; and the assigned responsibilities include, but are not limited to, tabulation of all volunteers per recognized volunteer organizations, filing of all "certification lists" as are received, general reporting to the Clerk of the Legislature, and providing records and information as requested.

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.

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 415 - EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	12,822	12,726	12,948	12,726	13,103	12,726
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 Operations	12,822	12,726	12,948	12,726	13,103	12,726
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	12,822	12,726	12,948	12,726	13,103	12,726
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 Program	12,822	12,726	12,948	12,726	13,103	12,726

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Program 845 - NE PUBLIC SAFETY COMM SYSTEM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 845 is the State Fire Marshal's budget tracking program of the associated costs for implementing and sustaining the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System. This is a statewide public safety communication system.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The objectives are to implement an interoperable public safety communication system for the State of Nebraska by creating regions for the interoperable communications, and coordinate communication improvement between local and state officials.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

A mobile communication system will be used by State agencies to communicate with local emergency responders during natural and manmade disasters. The system will be used for response and recovery and various emergency scenarios for law, fire and EMS agencies.

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Program 845 - NE PUBLIC SAFETY COMM SYSTEM

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	214,553	362,985	338,608	215,926	352,729
Cash Fund	0	47,098	79,680	74,328	47,399	77,428
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 Operations	0	261,651	442,665	412,936	263,325	430,157
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
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