

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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# **STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

## **OUR MISSION**

**The mission of the Alabama Fire Marshal's Office is to provide inspection services, to conduct investigations of fires and explosions, to prevent the commission of arson and related crimes, to protect lives and property from fires and explosions and to provide visitors and citizens of the state a safe environment in which to live, work, and play.**



## Introduction

The 2020 Annual Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office is submitted by State Fire Marshal, Scott F. Pilgreen in compliance with Section 36-19-26, Code of Alabama, 1975.

In 2020, the State Fire Marshal's Office had a staff of thirty-four law enforcement officers. This includes sixteen Deputy Fire Marshals and six Special Agents assigned to the Arson/Code Bureau. In addition, there are four Fraud Investigators and five Special Agents assigned to the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. The balance of the law enforcement staff includes two Assistant State Fire Marshals and State Fire Marshal. The Administrative Staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the ALDOI Fraud Bureau include; seven Administrative Support Assistants, and one Forensic Examiner/Analyst.

In 2020, the State Fire Marshal's Office conducted five hundred thirty-two (532) structure fire and/or explosion investigations. These investigations resulted in seventy (70) arrests for crimes ranging from arson and capital murder to drug related offenses and fire code violations.

In addition to investigations, the office also enforces the building and fire codes adopted by the state. A total of one thousand seven hundred sixty-three (1,763) inspections were conducted in 2020. These inspections were effected on various types of occupancies which include, but are not limited to, the following; daycares, schools, fireworks retailers and manufacturers, correctional facilities, churches, event centers, etc. Many of these inspections were performed based on a compliant or request while others were prerequisite prior to a permit being issue by the office.

Fire fatalities in 2020 totaled ninety-four (94), a decrease of more than two percent over 2019. We are increasing our efforts in the area of inspections and public education to combat this problem. It is crucial that the awareness of the public is raised regarding fire safety issues. The Fire service took a significant step in this area in 2014 with the creation of the "Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention" campaign. The goal of this campaign is to provide information through Public Service Announcements and other means in order to accomplish the goal of raising awareness of the public on these issues in order to continue to decrease the occurrence of fatal fires.

In support of this effort, the State Fire Marshal's Office has taken steps to establish a separate bureau for Public Education and Community Risk Reduction. Additionally, we have partnered with the "In Touch Foundation" and the Alabama Fire College to provide battery powered smoke alarms to the Citizens of Alabama. The alarms are distributed with assistance from the fire departments in state, both career and volunteer, who identify those that are in need of this protection. In 2020, nearly 36,649 smoke alarms were provided and 13,641 were installed across Alabama.

## Who we are...

The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is a division of the Alabama Department of Insurance (ALDOI). The department is under the leadership of the Insurance Commissioner Jim Ridling. Commissioner Ridling provides the resources for the SFMO to accomplish the goals and perform duties and responsibilities of the office. A portion of the funding for the SFMO is provided through monies generated by permits issued by the office.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was established in 1909. In 1919, the first legislative act regarding the authority, duties and responsibilities of the office was adopted and signed into law. In 1953, Title 36 Chapter 19 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 provides the authority and prescribes the duties of the office of the State Fire Marshal and his deputies. The Fire Marshal, Assistants, Special Agents and Deputies are state police officers and carry general police powers statewide.

In 2012, the Alabama Legislature passed laws establishing the crime of Insurance Fraud. Insurance Commissioner Ridling created within ALDOI the Insurance Fraud Unit to enforce these laws. The Insurance Fraud Unit was attached to the SFMO as a separate division due to the law enforcement responsibilities. This unit investigates the crime of Insurance Fraud and works with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and District Attorney's to identify and prosecute those responsible for fraud involving any type of insurance.

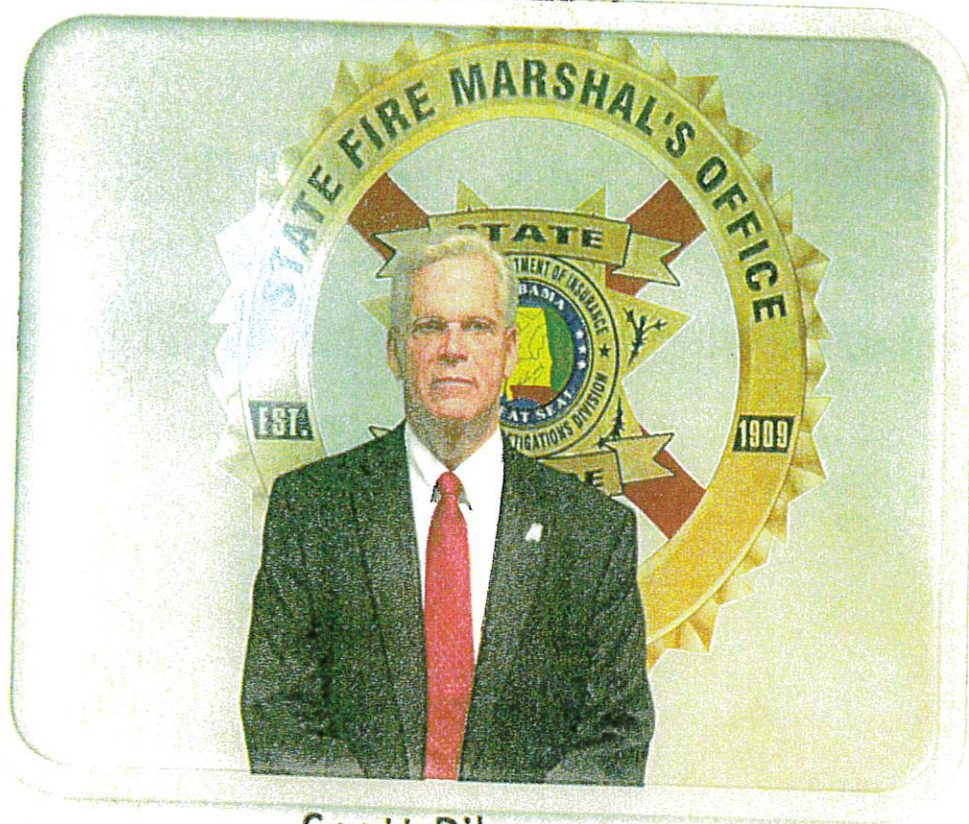
In 2017, as a result of the expanding mission of the State Fire Marshal Division and under the direction of Commissioner Ridling, the division renamed as the Alabama Department of Insurance (ALDOI) Criminal Investigations Division and restructured to include two bureaus; Arson/Code Bureau and the Criminal Fraud Bureau in order to properly convey the scope of the division.

The ALDOI Criminal Investigations Division consist of Director/State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen and two Assistant State Fire Marshals, Mark Drinkard, Arson /Code Bureau and Jim Finn, Criminal Fraud Bureau. The division is staffed as follows; sixteen Deputy Fire Marshals and six Special Agents in the Arson/Code Bureau. In addition, there is five Special Agents along with four Fraud Investigators in the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. Additionally, the Fraud Bureau has one forensic Examiner and one Administrative Support Assistant. The Deputy State Fire Marshals, Criminal Fraud Investigators and Special Agents are located in field offices throughout the state and are responsible for investigations and inspections in their respective districts. The office headquarters is located in Montgomery and is staffed by the Director/ State Fire Marshal, Two Assistant State Fire Marshals, one Office Manager, six Administrative Support Assistants, and one forensic examiner.

The ALDOI Criminal Investigations Division is tasked with a variety of responsibilities which include but are not limited to the following; the criminal investigation of fires, explosions, insurance fraud and related crimes, the interpretation and enforcement of the state's building and fires codes. The division also regulates and permits the fireworks industry, fire sprinkler industry, commercial fire alarm industry, cigarette industry and blasting industry.

The division provides assistance and training for Fire Departments, Law Enforcements Agencies, Other government entities and the public on issues such as criminal investigations, building/fire code interpretation and fire safety/prevention education.





Scott Pilgreen  
Director/State Fire Marshal

Assistant State Fire Marshals



Mark Drinkard  
Arson /Code Bureau



Jim Finn  
Criminal Fraud Bureau





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Mable L. Thompson  
Office Manager



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Margot Whatley, ASA III  
Blasters, Firework Shows  
Coordinator



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Angie Shires , ASA III  
Fraud Records Intake  
Coordinator



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Chalita Thornton, ASA III  
Investigative Records, Cigarettes  
Coordinator





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Cristi Owens  
Forensic Examiner



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Debra Lewis , ASA II  
Fire pumps, Alarms,  
Sprinklers, Fireworks  
Coordinator



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Jessica Barfield , ASA I  
Investigative Records, Procurement  
Coordinator



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Tekeria Davison, ASA I  
Receptionist, Office Supply  
Procurement  
Coordinator

## Mission Statement for the Alabama Fraud Bureau

*The Fraud Bureau protects the public from economic harm by investigating allegations of criminal insurance fraud. Responsibilities include receiving and reviewing reports of fraud, initiating inquiries and conducting investigations when the department has reason to believe that insurance fraud may have been or is being committed. We actively seek criminal indictments, make arrests and assist in prosecutions to deter insurance fraud in Alabama.*

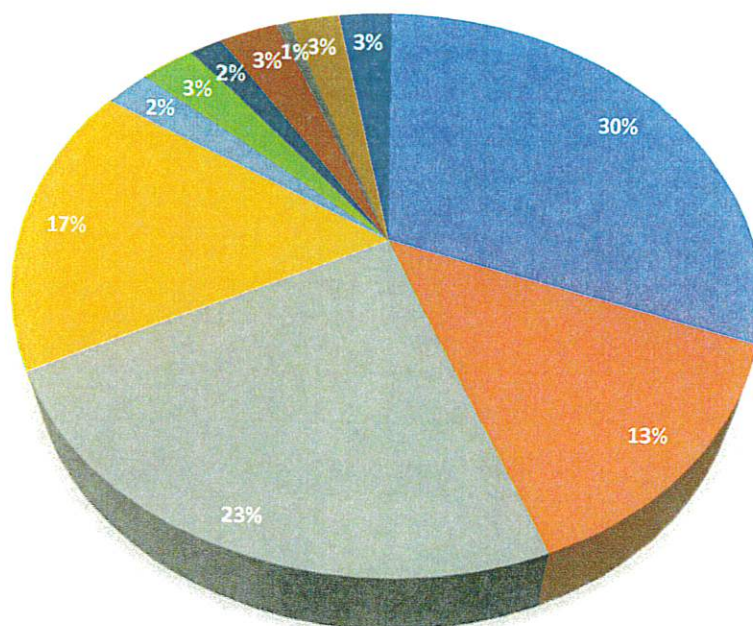
In 2012, Alabama passed into law, House Bill 323, which made insurance fraud a criminal act and established the formation of the Insurance Fraud Bureau, within the Department of Insurance. This law can impose criminal charges and/or civil sanctions for those in violation of regulation procedures of the insurance industry. The law includes mandatory reporting by those in the insurance industry as well as civil liability, ( See Code of Alabama 1975, Cite: Section 27-12A-21; Mandatory reporting requirements; (Act 2012-429, p. 1170, §2.) ; Section 27-12A-22; Immunity from liability; (Act 2012-429, p. 1170, §2.)

The Fraud Bureau is a branch of the State Fire Marshal's Office, within the Alabama Department of Insurance. The bureau currently has nine criminal investigators, one forensic examiner, an intake specialist, and supervised by one Assistant State Fire Marshal. Suspected fraud is reported to the bureau in a variety of ways. Most complaints are received directly from the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) or the NICB, (National Insurance Crime Bureau), on behalf of the insurance industry. Complaints are also received on a regular basis from the consumer as well. Web based internet reporting is preferred and available through the Department of Insurance website, [www.aldoi.gov](http://www.aldoi.gov), (<https://www.aldoi.gov/FraudUnit>.) When a complaint is submitted through the portal, the process assigns a tracking number and allows the reporting person to follow the progress of the complaint and in some situations, allows them to remain anonymous. In 2020, 310 complaints were assigned for investigation. 24 investigations concluded in arrest by our agency and 28 investigations concluded in criminal charges by other agencies working in conjunction with the department of insurance. Fraud investigations were conducted in 52 of the 67 Alabama counties. Jefferson County continues to be the highest reporting area with 43 investigations or 14% of the 310 assigned cases.

The bureau has the resources of Forensic Computer and Electronic Analysis functions. Through the cooperative efforts between the Department of Insurance and the Jacksonville State University Center for Applied Forensics, two of our fraud investigators conduct insurance fraud related forensic electronic examinations. These investigators are trained in the forensic analysis of electronic data, specifically, cell phones, computers and other loose media, (See the attached forensic report .)



## 2020 Fraud Investigations and Dispositions



- Cases Worked
- Cases Opened
- New Cases Received in 2020
- Cases Closed in 2020
- Closed/Criminal Charges Filed
- Closed/Other
- Closed/No Prosecution
- Closed/Administrative
- Closed/Lack of Resources
- Closed/Unfounded
- Inactive

**Criminal Charges Pursued:** The investigation resulted in criminal charges filed; arrest warrant signed or submitted for Federal or State Grand Jury presentations

**Other:** Investigation was turned over to other agencies working in conjunction with the Department of Insurance

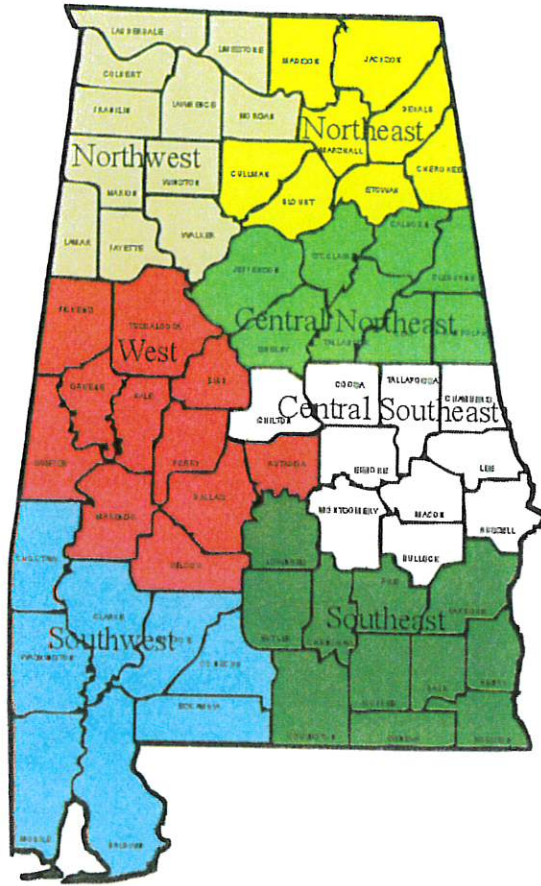
**No Prosecution:** The complaint was presented to prosecuting jurisdiction but was declined for prosecution

**Administrative:** Cases closed by decisions of the department in the best interest of the victim, witnesses or the department; this also includes complaints closed but referred for insurance regulatory review or sanctions

**Lack of Resources:** The complaint may have merit, but the investigation cannot continue due to limited resources

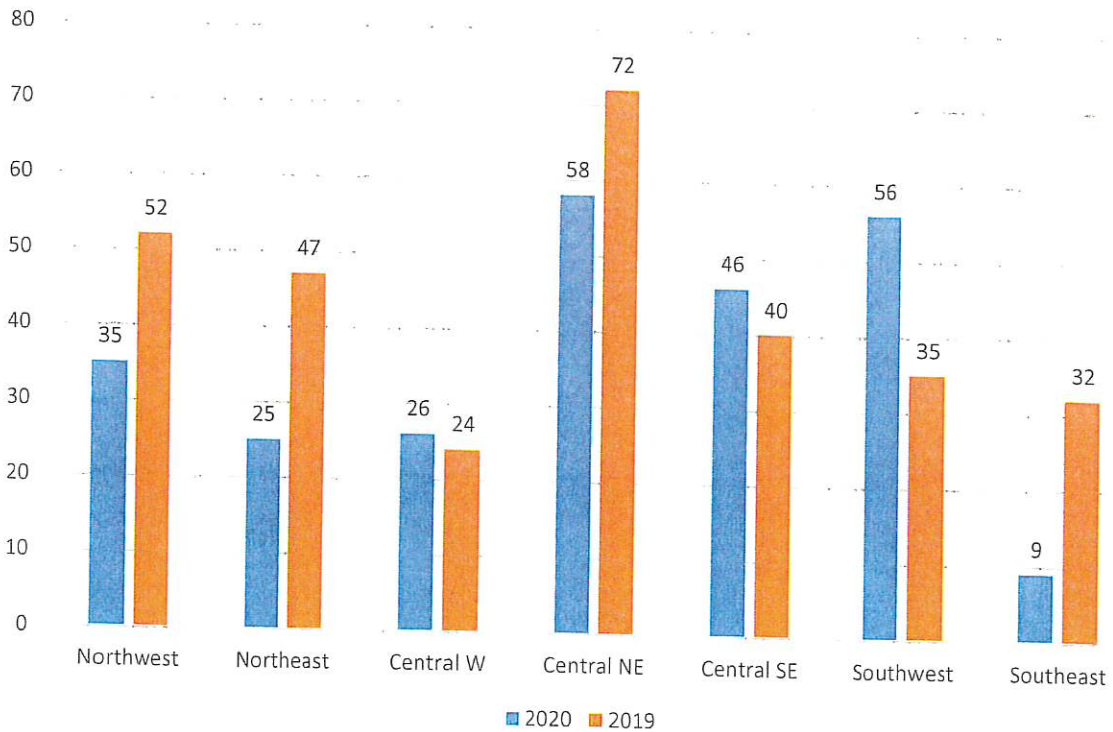
**Unfounded:** Complaint was investigated and was proven to be either a civil matter, did not occur as reported or at least "not criminal"

**Inactive:** Complaint received has little or no information; complainant is non-responsive; lack of complainant cooperation or original complaint was investigated, and all leads have been exhausted without a conclusion

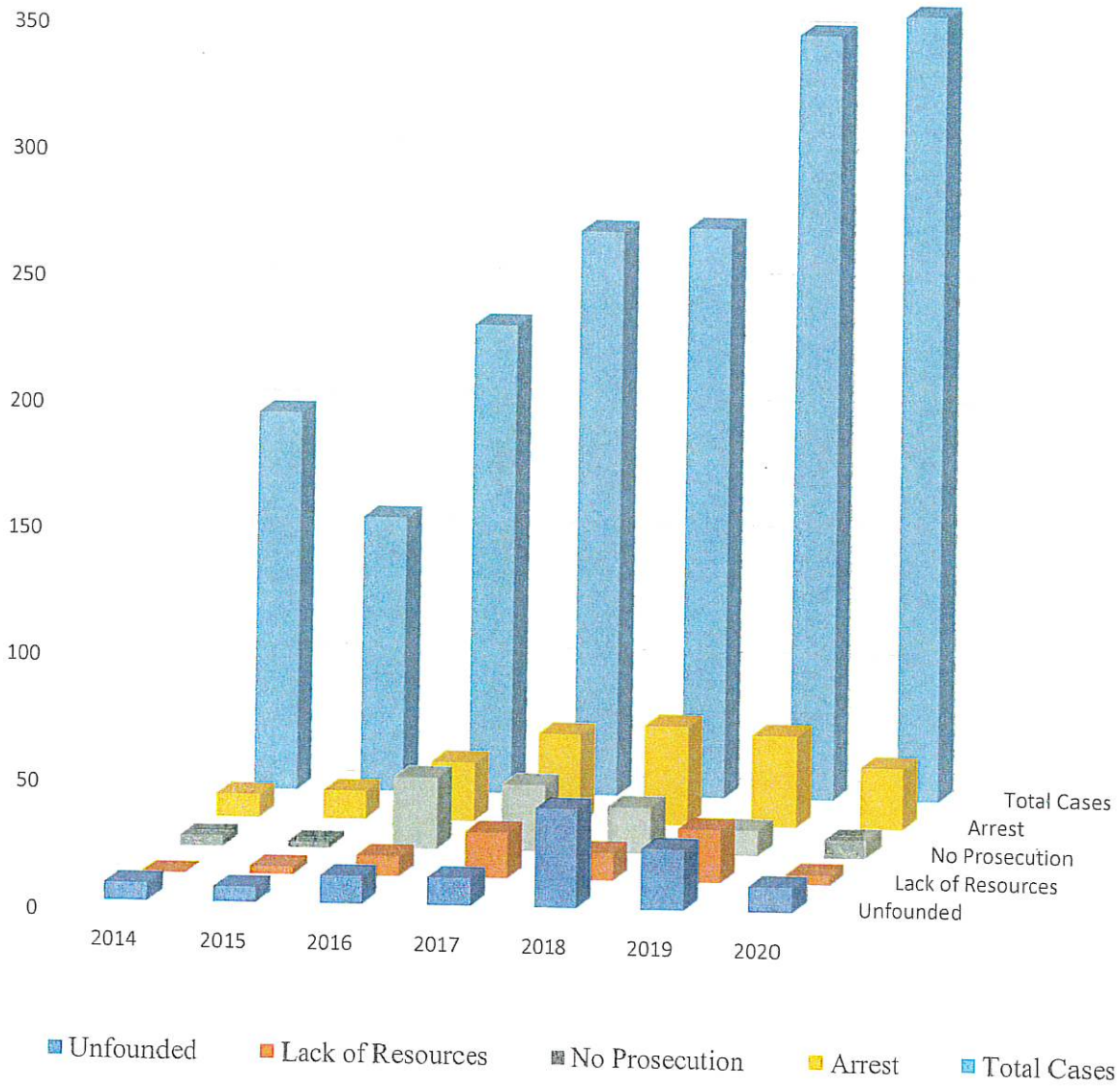


Alabama  
 Fraud Bureau  
 Investigative Regions

Investigations by State Regions  
 2019 - 2020 Comparison



## Seven Year Comparison





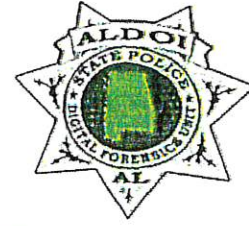




# DIGITAL FORENSIC EVIDENCE STATS

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ALDOI  
Criminal Investigations Division  
*Digital Forensics Unit*  
100 Gamecock Drive  
Anniston, AL 36207  
(334) 241-4166  
www.aldoi.gov



January to December 2020

## COMPUTER ANALYSIS STATS

Agencies Assisted	6
Criminal Cases Assisted	10
Computer/ DVR's Analyzed	8
Volume Examined	9.00 TB
Cell Phones Analyzed	10
Volume Examined	440 GB
Loose media/ mass storage devices Analyzed	3
Volume Examined	2.128 TB
<b>TOTAL VOLUME ANALYZED</b>	<b>11.568 TB</b>

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**AGENCIES ASSISTED:** Alabama Department of Insurance-CID, Alabama Department of Corrections, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Center for Applied Forensics, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office and Southside Police Department.

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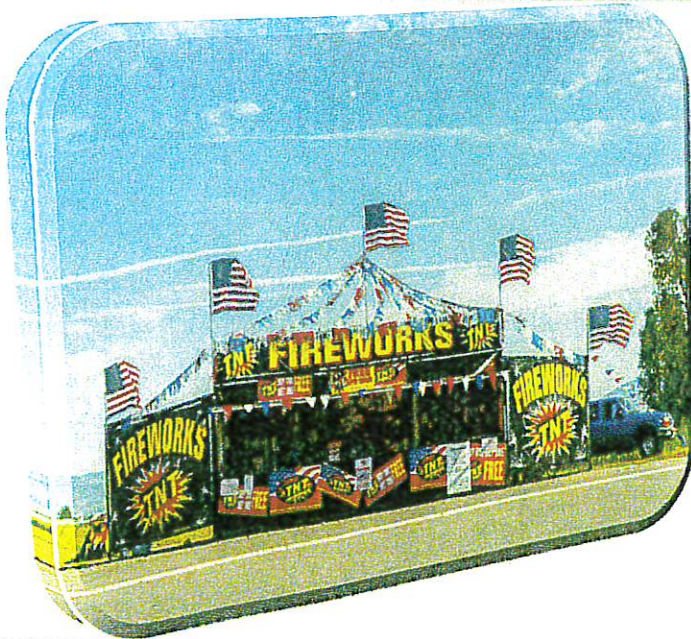
# Alabama Fire Incident Reporting System (AFIRS)

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 authorizes the National Fire Data Center in the United States Fire Administration (USFA), an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to gather and analyze information on the magnitude of the Nation's fire problem, as well as its detailed characteristics and trends. The Act further authorizes the USFA to develop uniform data reporting methods, and to encourage and assist state agencies in developing and reporting data. In order to carry out the intention of this Act, the National Fire Data Center has established the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).

The State of Alabama, recognizing the importance and benefits of reliable statistical data, is encouraging fire departments to submit data to AFIRS. AFIRS is Alabama's segment of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. During the 2020 calendar year, over three hundred seventy (370) fire departments out of 1,041 fire departments have activated the electronic reporting account to the system. More than three hundred and thirty-seven (337) departments have actually submitted data to the system in 2020. Alabama is one-third of the way towards having timely, factual data on which many decisions can be made. In support of AFIRS, the State Fire Marshal's Office administers the creation of the reporting accounts for departments, provides software for the electronic reporting, and provides support services. During 2020 more than seventy (70) training sessions with fire departments or county fire associations have been conducted around the state, which provided information and assistance to all interested departments in the area. Assistance is provided to any department who asks for help. Assistance is first attempted over the telephone; however, for more difficult problems, site visits are not uncommon. The software necessary for reporting is supplied to fire departments in the following ways; by download from FEMA's website, in addition FEMA provides a web based version for the Data Entry Tool which is available on their web site. Many departments' particularly volunteer fire departments now have high-speed internet connections which enable those departments to access FEMA's web site in order to download the software and updates or utilize the web based version of the program.



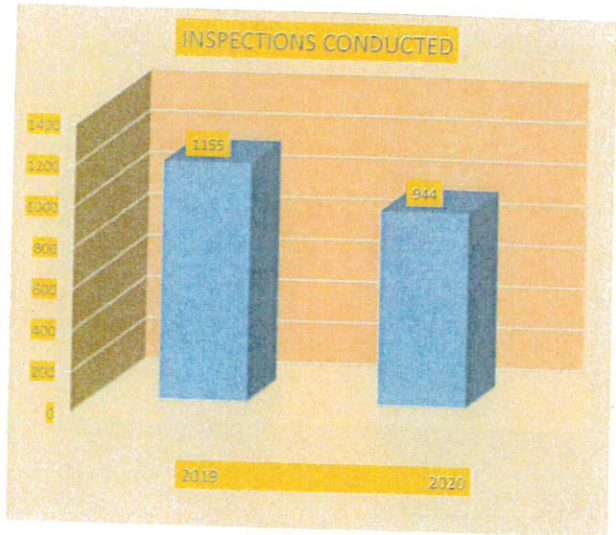
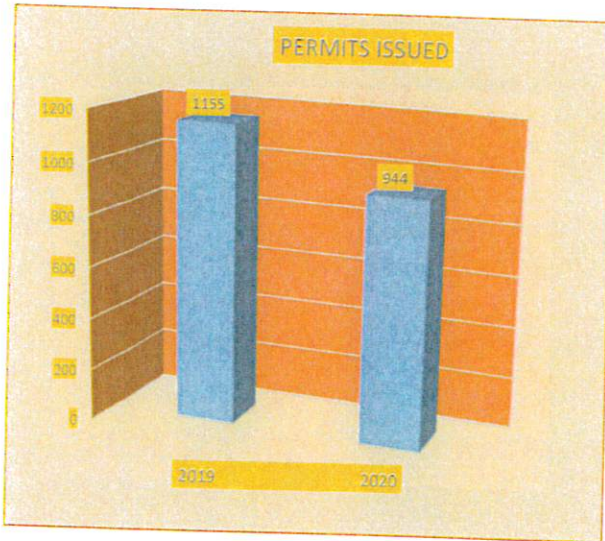
# FIREWORKS STATISTICS





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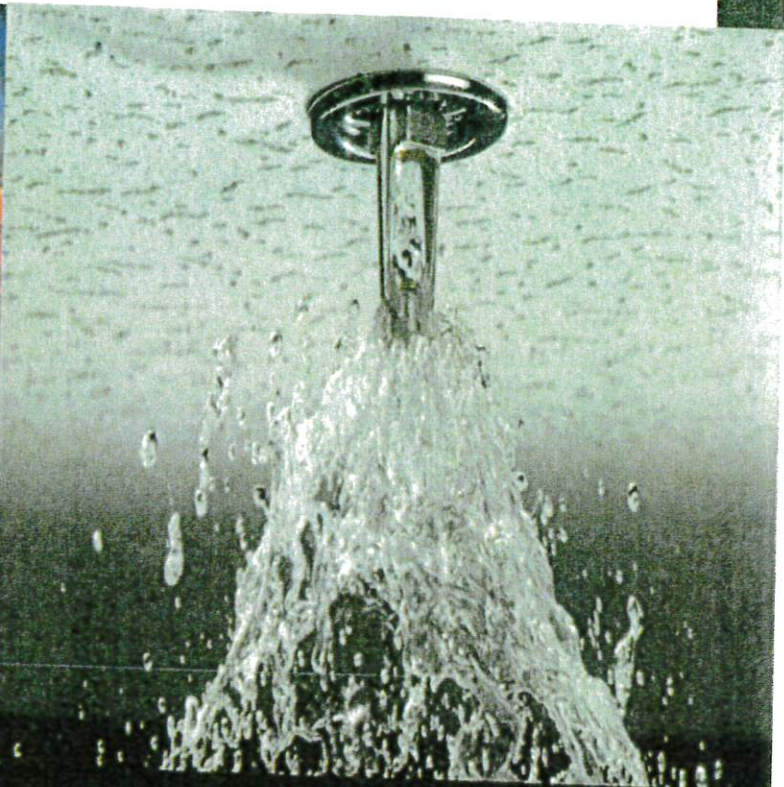
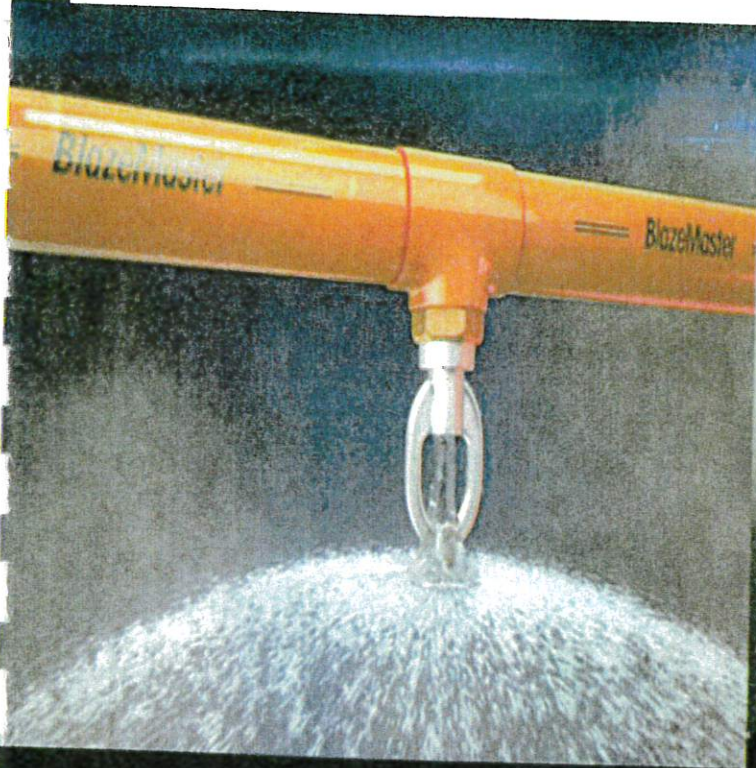


## MONEY COLLECTED

	2019	2020
DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 74,400.00	\$ 62,400.00
MANUFACTURER	9,600	12,000
WHOLESALER	8,400	8,400
SEASONAL RETAILER -SR2	65,280	60,240
SEASONAL RETAILER -SR1	8,160	8,160
RETAIL	86,880	93,360
PUBLIC DISPLAY	19,740	11,220
CLOSE PROXIMITY	14,640	3,660
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 287,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 259,440.00</b>
PERMITS ISSUED	1155	944
INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED	1155	944



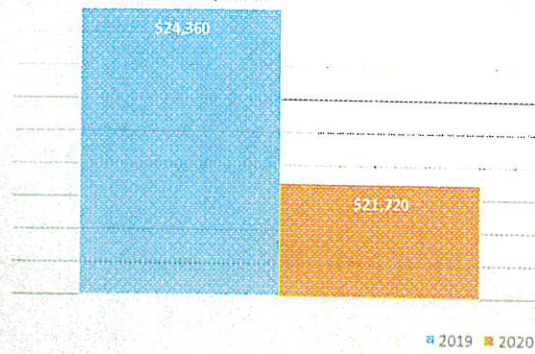
# Sprinkler Systems





# FIRE SPRINKLER STATISTICS

Money Collected



PERMITS ISSUED

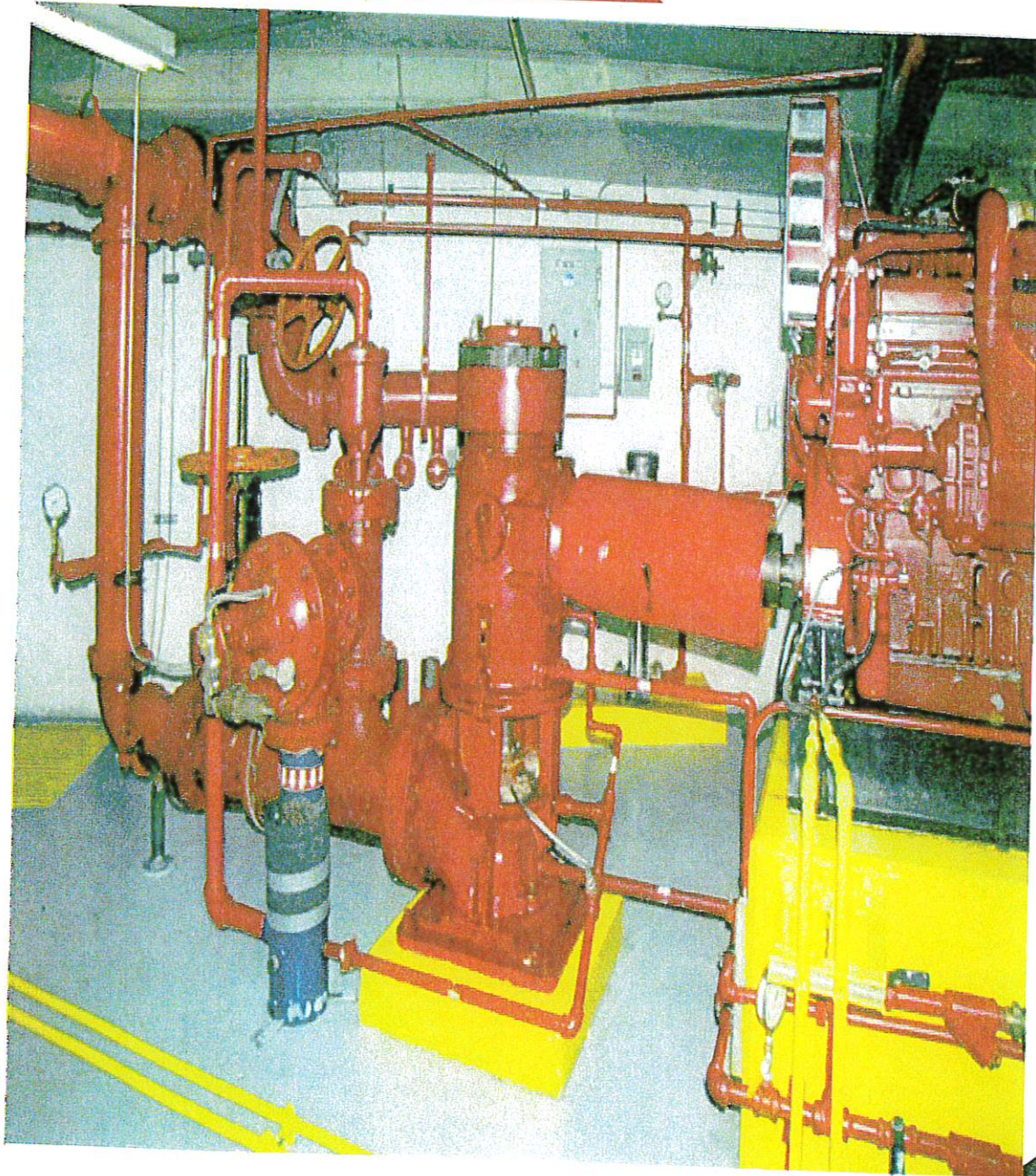


## MONEY COLLECTED

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>FIRE SPRINKLER</b>	\$24,360	\$21,720
<b>PERMITS ISSUED</b>	203	181

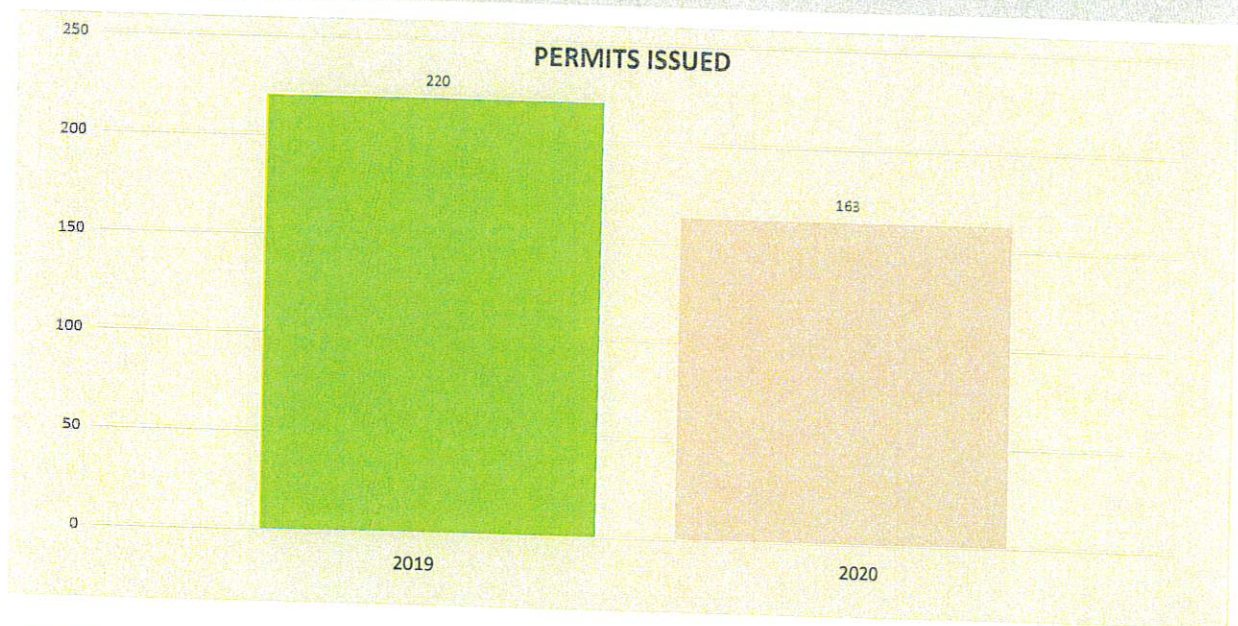
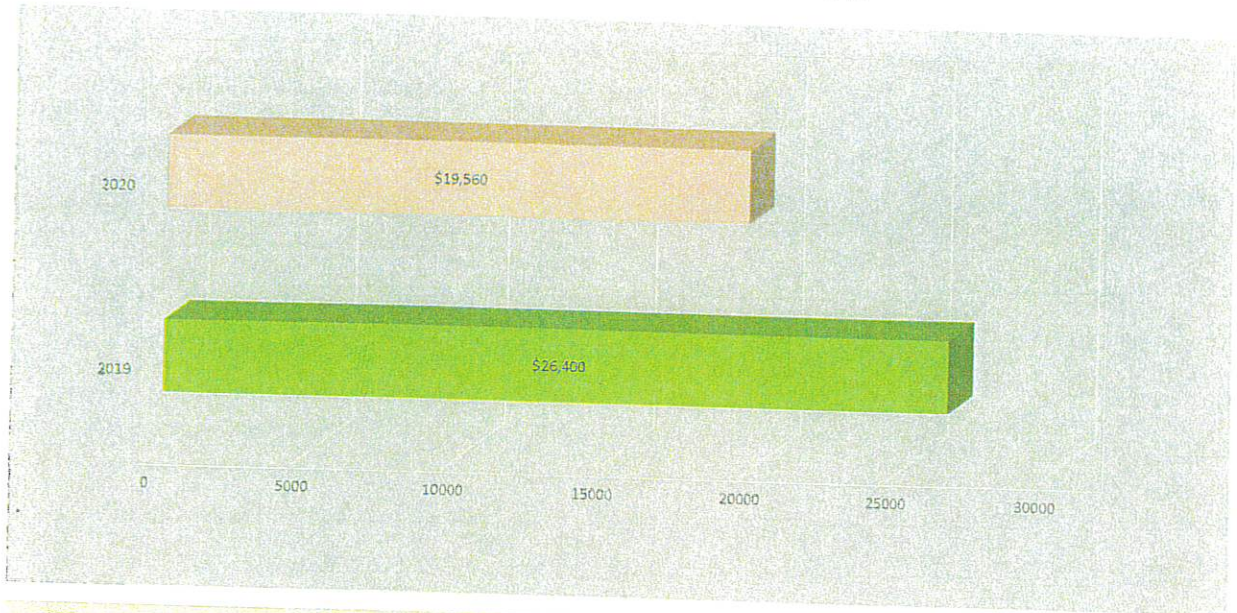


# Fire Pump System





# FIRE PUMP STATISTICS



<b>MONEY COLLECTED</b>				
			<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>FIRE PUMPS</b>			\$26,400	\$19,560
<b>PERMITS ISSUED</b>			220	163



# • Fire Alarm-Fighting-Safety System



To Operate a fire extinguisher

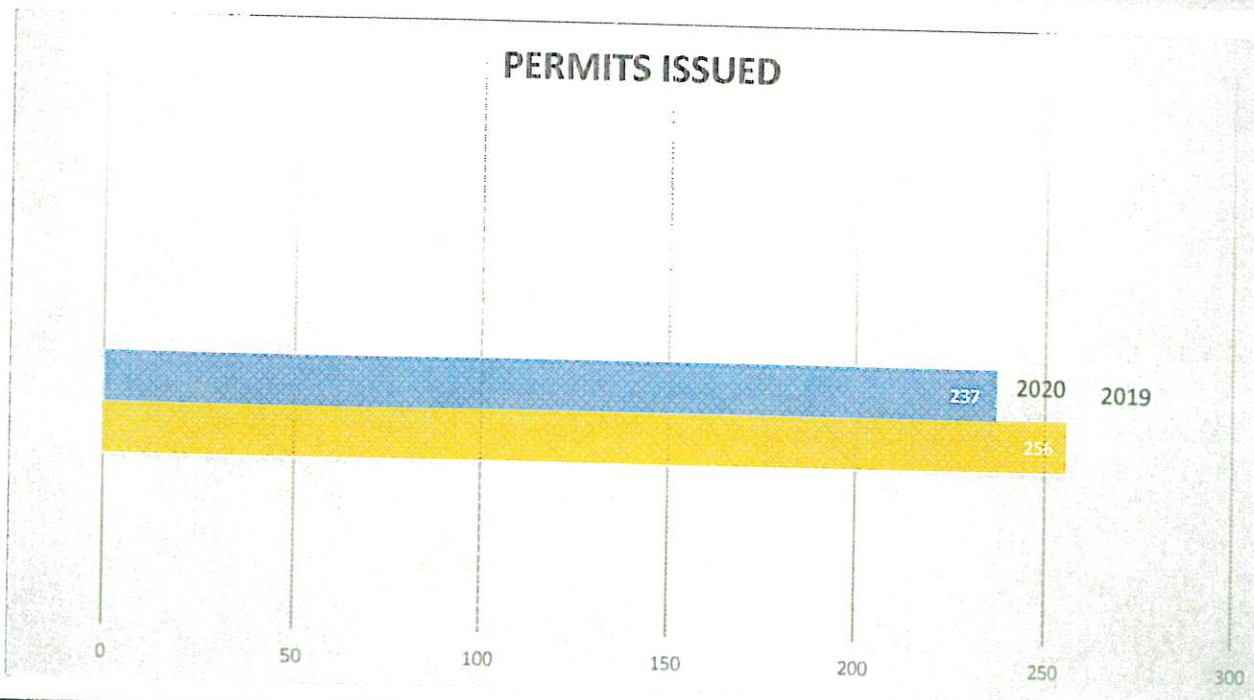
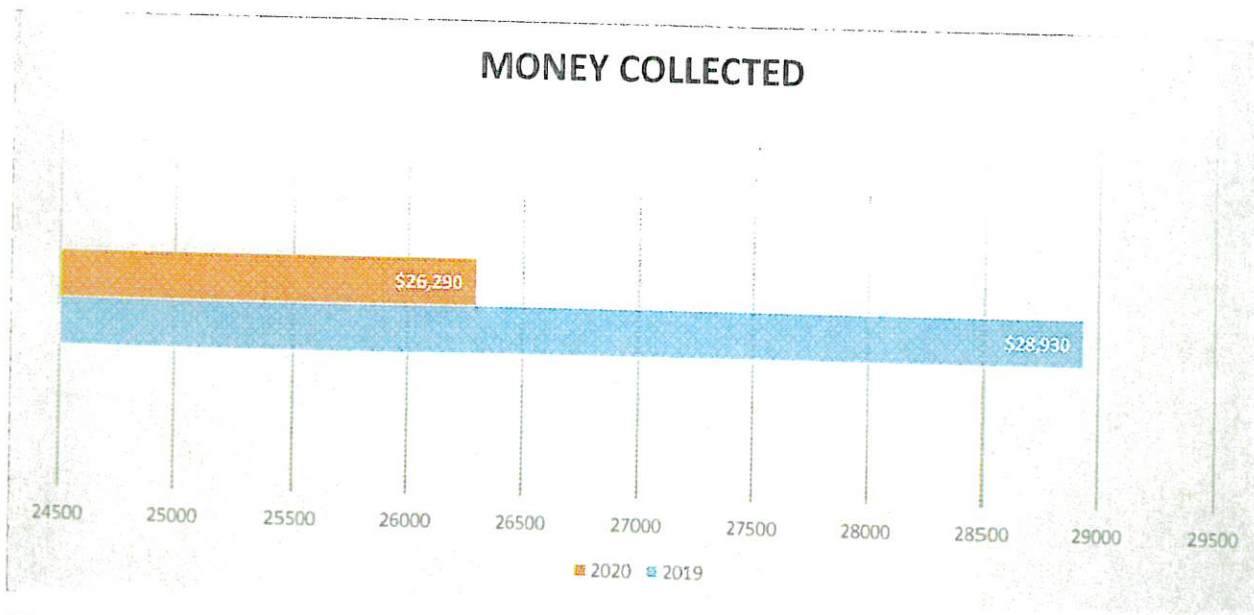


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# FIRE ALARM STATISTICS



<u>MONEY COLLECTED</u>				
			<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
FIRE ALARMS			\$28,930	\$26,290
PERMITS ISSUE			256	237

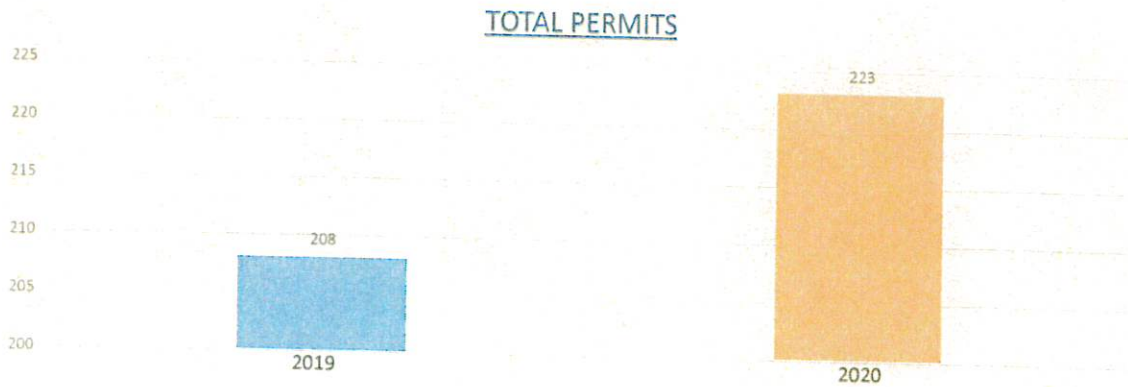
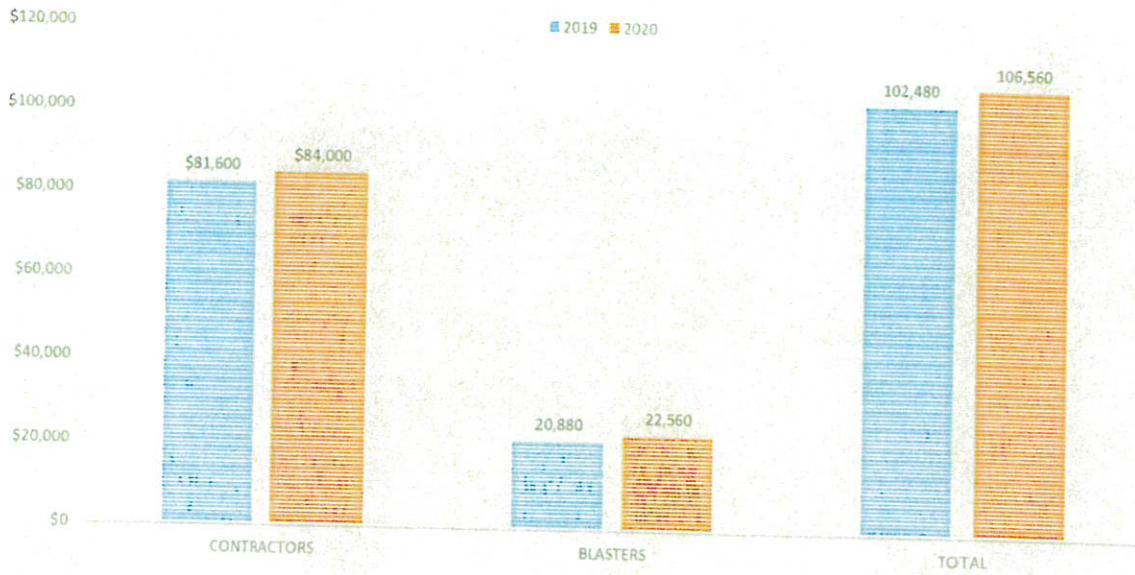


# CONTRACTORS & BLASTERS





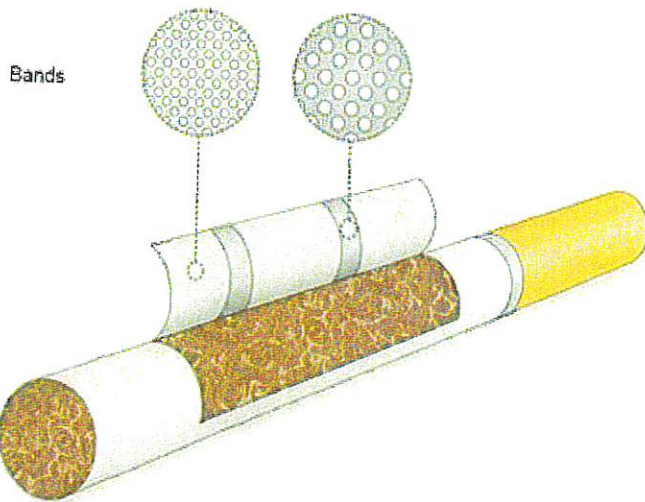
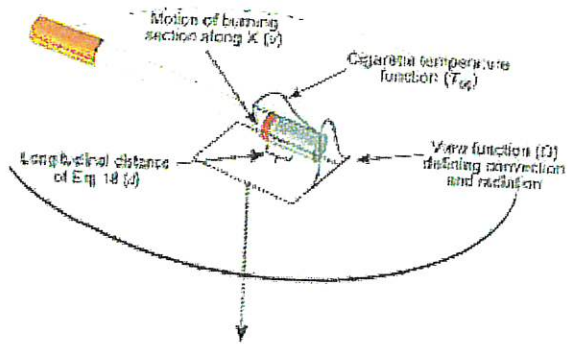
# CONTRACTOR & BLASTER STATISTICS



<u>MONEY COLLECTED</u>			
		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>CONTRACTORS</b>		\$81,600	\$84,000
<b>BLASTERS</b>		20,880	22,560
<b>TOTAL</b>		102,480	106,560
<b>TOTAL PERMITS</b>		208	223



# CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPENSITY



**What Is a RIP Cigarette?**

A cigarette that is expected to self-extinguish when left alone.

A cigarette that is required to be tested per ASTM E2187-04; a lit cigarette is placed on multiple layers of filter paper to observe if it will burn its full length.

The RIP cigarette should produce a full length burn (FLB) no more than 10 of 40 times.



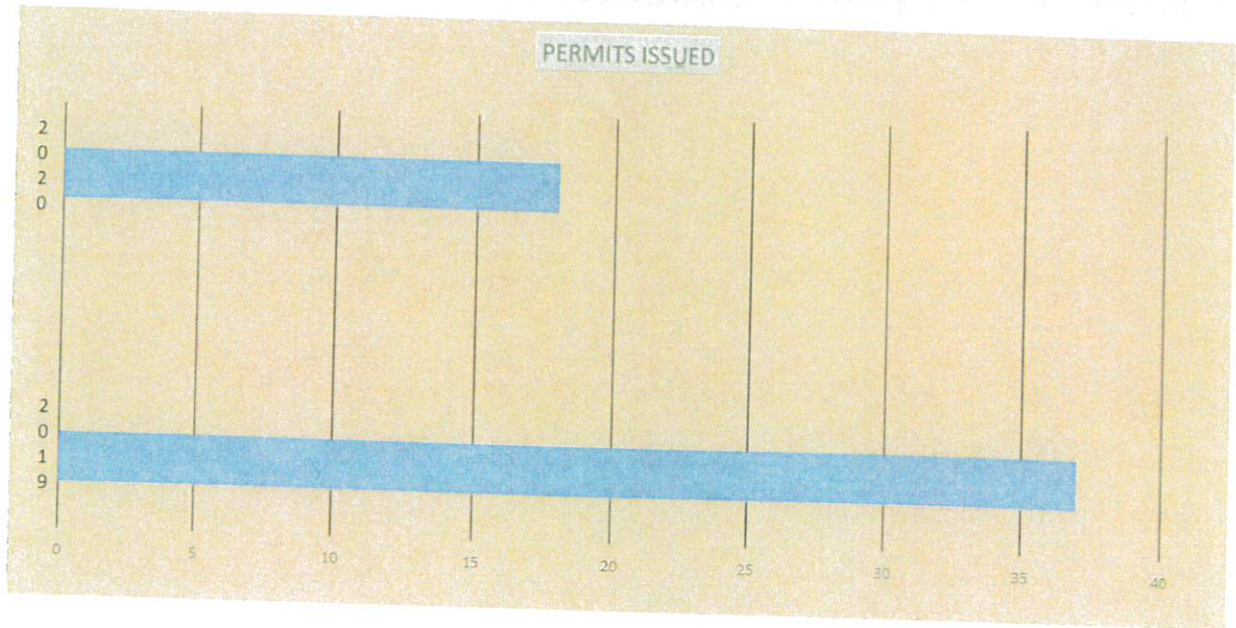


# CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPENSITY STATISTICS

## MONEY COLLECTED



## PERMITS ISSUED



### Money Collected

	2019	2020
Money Collected	\$56,100	\$20,900
Total Permits Issued	37	18



Deputy Fire Marshal





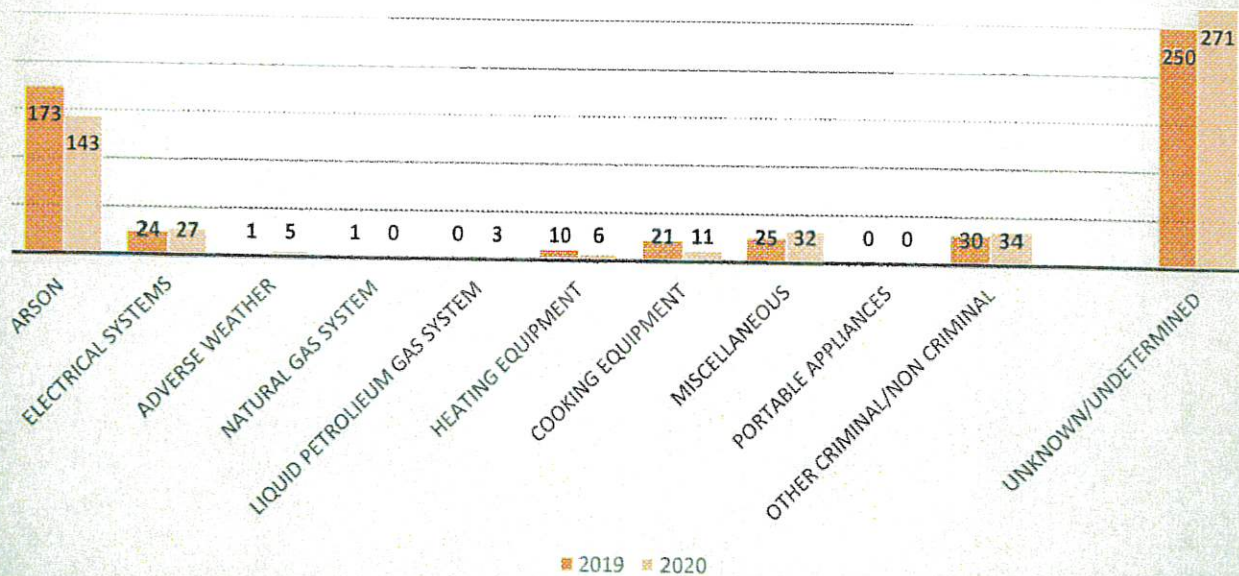




# CLASSIFICATIONS OF INVESTIGATIONS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
ARSON	173	143
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	24	27
ADVERSE WEATHER	1	5
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM	1	0
LIQUID PETROLIEUM GAS SYSTEM	0	3
HEATING EQUIPMENT	10	6
COOKING EQUIPMENT	21	11
MISCELLANEOUS	25	32
PORTABLE APPLIANCES	0	0
OTHER CRIMINAL/NON CRIMINAL	30	34
UNKNOWN/UNDETERMINED	250	271
TOTAL	535	532

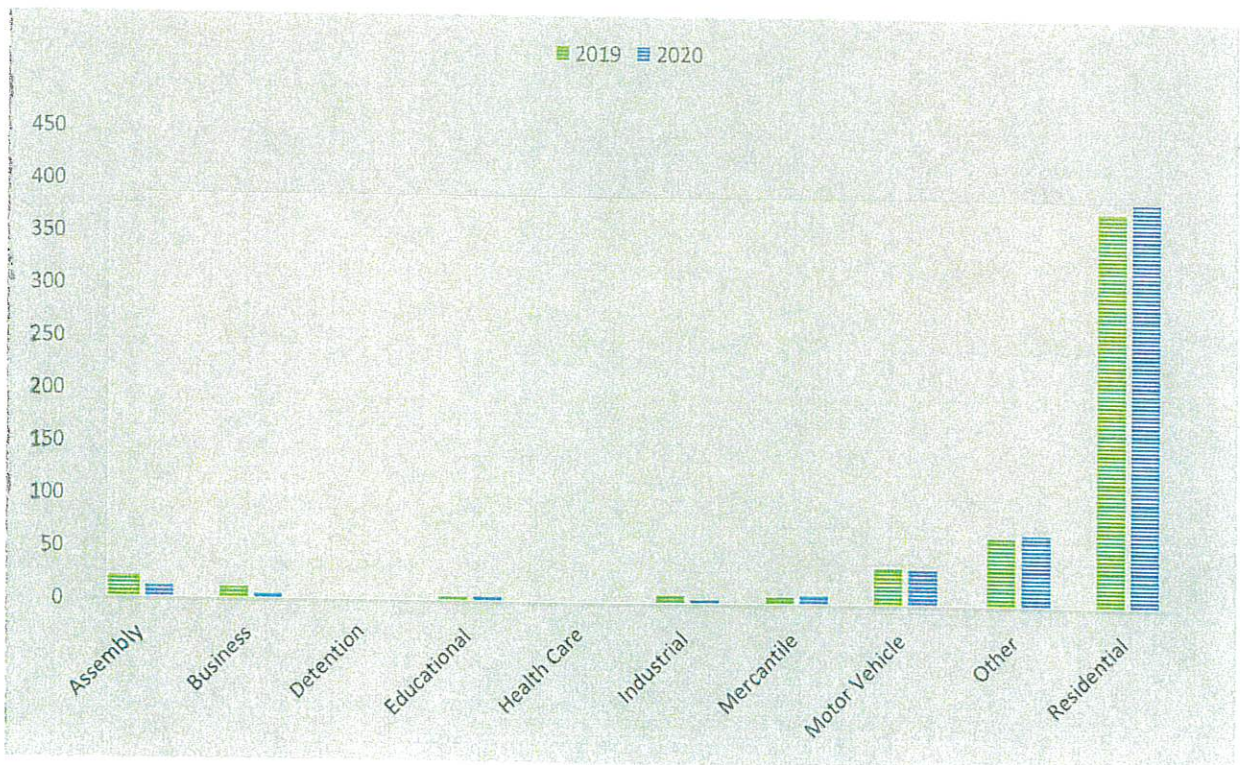
## CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTIGATIONS





## CASES BY PROPERTY TYPES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assembly	22	13
Business	12	6
Detention	1	1
Educational	5	6
Health Care	0	1
Industrial	9	5
Mercantile	8	10
Motor Vehicle	36	35
Other	66	69
Residential	376	386
<b>Total:</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>532</b>





## INVESTIGATIONS BY COUNTY

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<i>Autauga</i>	6	10	<i>Henry</i>	1	3
<i>Baldwin</i>	23	19	<i>Houston</i>	3	6
<i>Barbour</i>	6	4	<i>Jackson</i>	9	17
<i>Bibb</i>	2	6	<i>Jefferson</i>	28	22
<i>Blount</i>	7	6	<i>Lamar</i>	4	8
<i>Bullock</i>	9	5	<i>Lauderdale</i>	10	9
<i>Butler</i>	5	4	<i>Lawrence</i>	12	12
<i>Calhoun</i>	11	5	<i>Lee</i>	5	10
<i>Chambers</i>	6	0	<i>Limestone</i>	9	8
<i>Cherokee</i>	2	7	<i>Lowndes</i>	5	2
<i>Chilton</i>	6	13	<i>Macon</i>	8	7
<i>Choctaw</i>	6	10	<i>Madison</i>	13	14
<i>Clarke</i>	7	12	<i>Marengo</i>	3	1
<i>Clay</i>	2	6	<i>Marion</i>	7	13
<i>Cleburne</i>	6	6	<i>Marshall</i>	8	10
<i>Coffee</i>	11	10	<i>Mobile</i>	32	29
<i>Colbert</i>	7	14	<i>Monroe</i>	4	4
<i>Conecuh</i>	7	8	<i>Montgomery</i>	5	8
<i>Coosa</i>	4	6	<i>Morgan</i>	7	8
<i>Covington</i>	6	13	<i>Perry</i>	6	4
<i>Crenshaw</i>	2	4	<i>Pickens</i>	2	1
<i>Cullman</i>	21	10	<i>Pike</i>	11	2
<i>Dale</i>	5	9	<i>Randolph</i>	10	13
<i>Dallas</i>	5	6	<i>Russell</i>	5	0
<i>Dekalb</i>	11	14	<i>Shelby</i>	10	7
<i>Elmore</i>	5	10	<i>St. Clair</i>	12	6
<i>Escambia</i>	5	6	<i>Sumpter</i>	0	1
<i>Etowah</i>	3	2	<i>Talladega</i>	10	12
<i>Fayette</i>	5	4	<i>Tallapoosa</i>	7	3
<i>Franklin</i>	6	3	<i>Tuscaloosa</i>	5	3
<i>Geneva</i>	24	16	<i>Walker</i>	27	26
<i>Greene</i>	4	1	<i>Washington</i>	6	5
<i>Hale</i>	2	3	<i>Wilcox</i>	5	0
			<i>Winston</i>	6	5
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>332</b>



## Total Cases by Requestor Type

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
911 Center	15	18
Citizen	9	11
Fire Department	234	242
Government Official	9	6
Insurance Industry	4	3
Occupant	2	4
Police Department	62	52
Property Owner	17	21
Sheriffs Department	157	153
State Fire Marshals Office	25	28
<b>Total:</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>532</b>



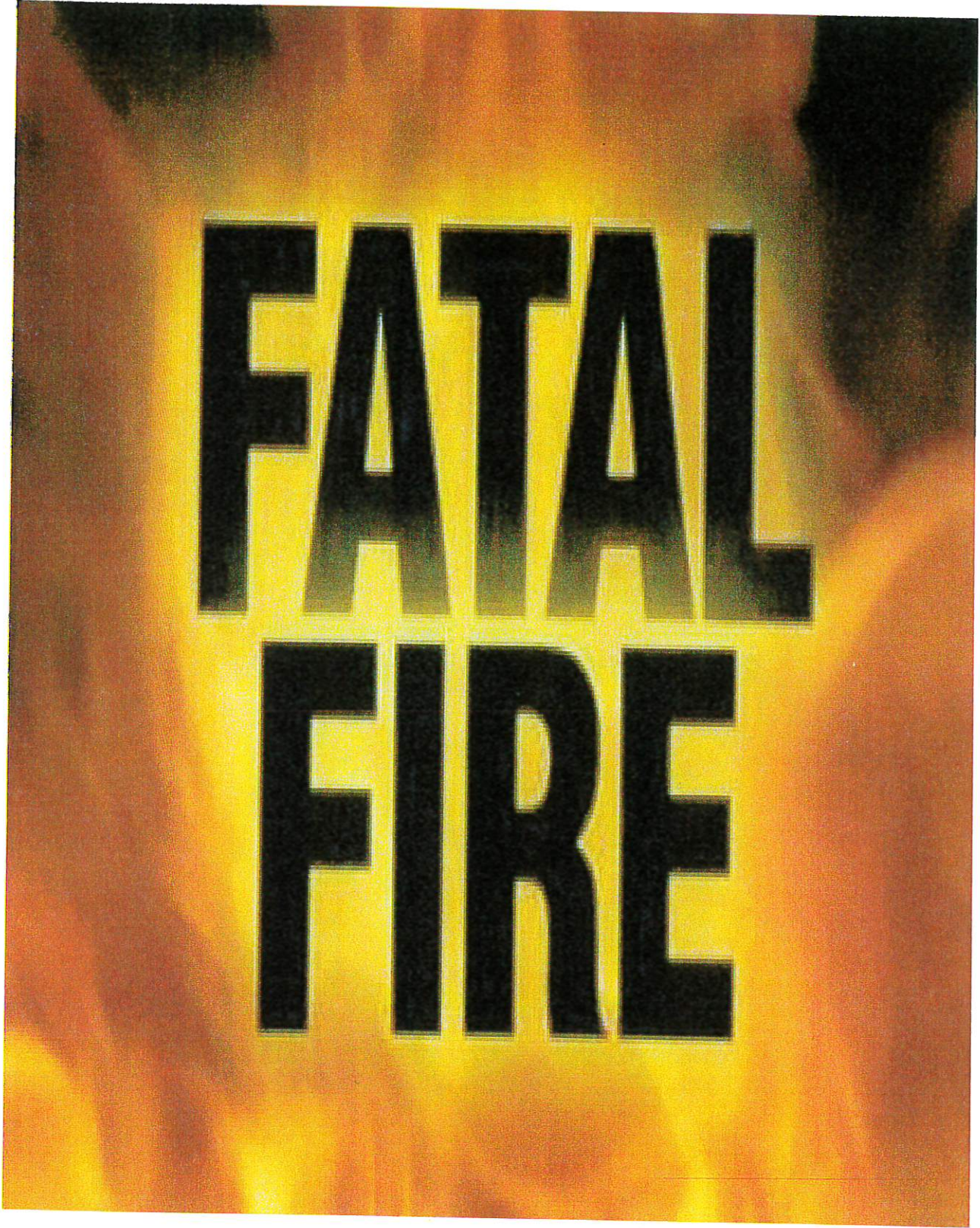
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OTHERS IN  
MANHOURS

	2019	2020
<i>ALLEAPS</i>	0	115
<i>CFAF</i>	122	14
<i>Deputy Fire Marshal</i>	1309	878
<i>Drone Training</i>	196	113
<i>Drone Use/Response</i>	70	84
<i>Faro Response</i>	0	109
<i>Faro Training</i>	0	9
<i>Fire Department</i>	152	42
<i>Follow-Up</i>	293	385
<i>K9 Response</i>	34	38
<i>Law Enforcement Agency</i>	224	457
<i>NFIRS</i>	2	0
<i>Polygraph (Other Agency)</i>	262	447
<i>Polygraph DSFM</i>	12	16
<i>Polygraph Refuse</i>	24	6
<i>Polygraph Response</i>	0	12
<i>Public Education</i>	418	100
<i>Trailer Response</i>	327	334
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>3,445</b>	<b>3,159</b>



<i>ARREST/CHARGES</i>		
	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Animal Cruelty	0	2
Altered VIN	0	0
Abuse of Corpse	1	0
Arson 1st Degree	6	10
Arson 2nd Degree	36	18
Arson 3rd Degree	0	1
Assault 1st Degree	0	1
Assault 2nd Degree	2	1
Attempted Arson 1st Degree	0	1
Attempted Murder	0	2
Attempting to Elude	0	1
Burglary 2nd Degree	2	0
Burglary 3rd Degree	6	1
Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess Pistol	0	
Capital Murder	2	
Criminal Mischief 1st Degree	3	5
Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree	1	1
Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree	1	
Criminal Possession of Explosive Device	0	
Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree	0	
Domestic Violence 1st Degree	0	
Driving Under the influence	0	3
Fugitive	0	1
False Reporting to Law Enforcement Authorities	1	0
Falsely Reporting an Incident	1	1
Fireworks Permit Violation	2	0
Insurance Fraud 1st	4	5
Intimidating a Witness	0	1
Manslaughter	2	0
Murder	4	2
Obstructing Gov't Operations	0	1
Possession of a Short Barrel Shotgun	1	0
Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia	3	1
Possession of Explosive Devices	0	0
Possession or Receipt of a Controlled Substance	3	0
Probation Revoke	1	0
Public Intoxication	1	0
Receiving Stolen Property 1st Degree	1	0
Reckless Endangerment	0	0
Rendering False Alarm	1	0
Resisting Arrest	2	0
Robbery 1st Degree	0	0
Terrorist Threat	0	4
Theft of Property 1st Degree	1	1
Theft of Property 2nd Degree	1	0
Theft of Property 3rd Degree	2	0
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 1st Degree	1	2
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 2nd Degree	1	0
Unlawful Possession, Receipt, Distribution of a Controlled Substance	0	1
Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	1
Writ of Arrest	0	1
Total Charges:	94	70



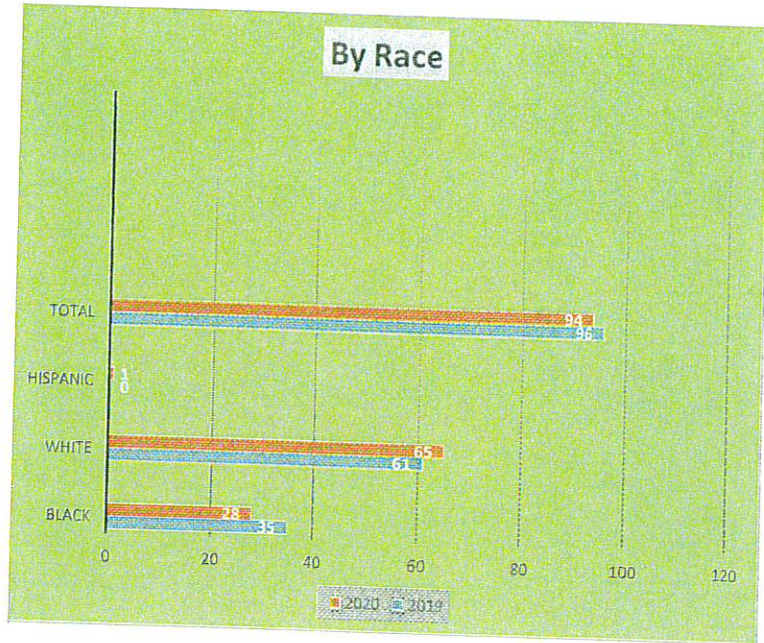




## FATALITY BY RACE AND GENDER

### FATALITY BY RACE

	2019	2020
Black	35	28
White	61	65
Hispanic	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>



### FATALITY BY GENDER

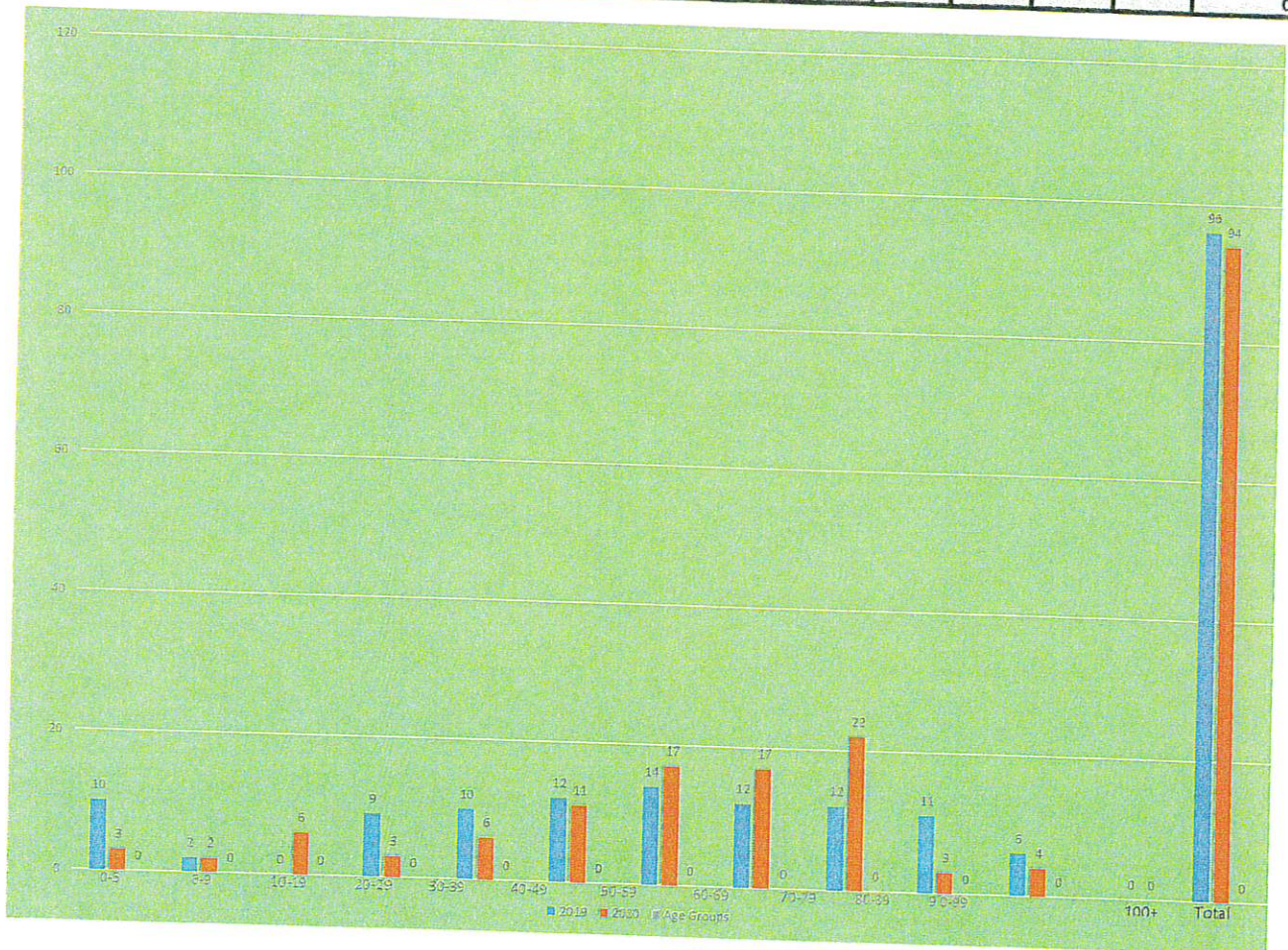
	2019	2020
Male	55	61
Female	41	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>





## FATALITY TYPE BY AGE

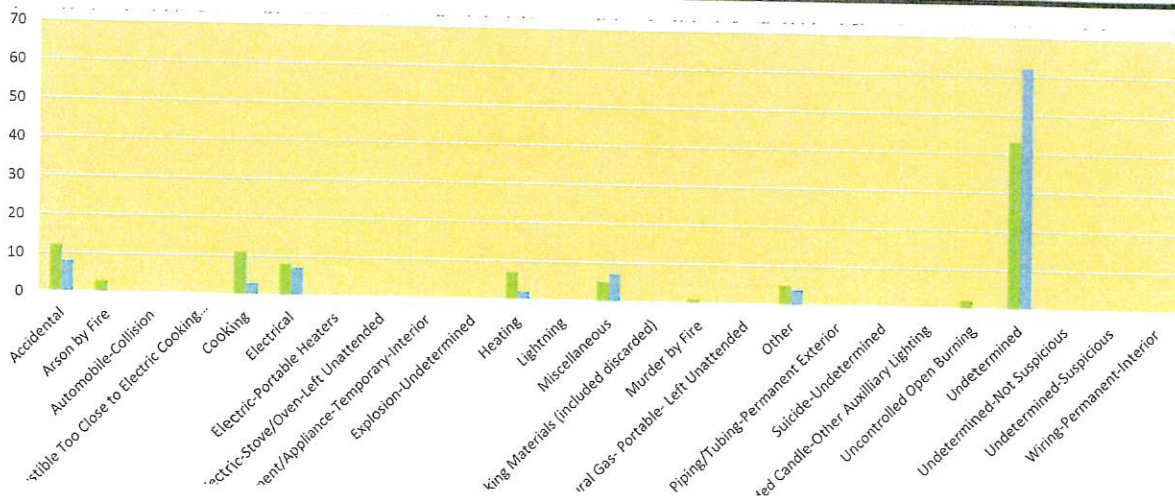
Year		0-5	6-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+	Total
2020	Accidental	3	2	6	3	6	11	17	17	22	3	4	0	94
	Cooking			1			3	1	2	1				8
	Electrical						2	1						3
	Heating				1		1	3			2	1		7
	Miscellaneous									1				2
	Other								3	3		1		7
	Undetermined	3	2	5		2	6	4	2	1				4
Weather				2				9	11	15	2	3	62	
2019		10	2	0	9	10	12	14	12	12	11	6	1	
2019	Accidental			0	1		1	4	2	1				96
	Cooking				3	1		3			1			12
	Electrical						2				1	2		11
	Heating		1						2	1	1			7
	Miscellaneous	1				1		1	2	1	1			7
	Other	3			2		1	2	1	3	2			7
	Undetermined	6	1		3		8	8	4	6	5	2		9
Weather													43	
													0	





## FATALITY BY CAUSES

	2019	2020
Accidental	12	8
Arson by Fire	3	0
Automobile-Collision	0	0
Combustible Too Close to Electric Cooking Equipment	0	0
Cooking	11	3
Electrical	8	7
Electric-Portable Heaters	0	0
Electric-Stove/Oven-Left Unattended	0	0
Equipment/Appliance-Temporary-Interior	0	0
Explosion-Undetermined	0	0
Heating	7	2
Lightning	0	0
Miscellaneous	5	7
Misuse of Smoking Materials (included discarded)	0	0
Murder by Fire	1	0
Natural Gas- Portable- Left Unattended	0	0
Other	5	4
Piping/Tubing-Permanent Exterior	0	0
Suicide-Undetermined	0	0
Unattended Candle-Other Auxilliary Lighting	0	0
Uncontrolled Open Burning	2	0
Undetermined	43	62
Undetermined-Not Suspicious	0	0
Undetermined-Suspicious	0	0
Wiring-Permanent-Interior	0	0
Weather	0	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>





## FATALITY BY COUNTIES

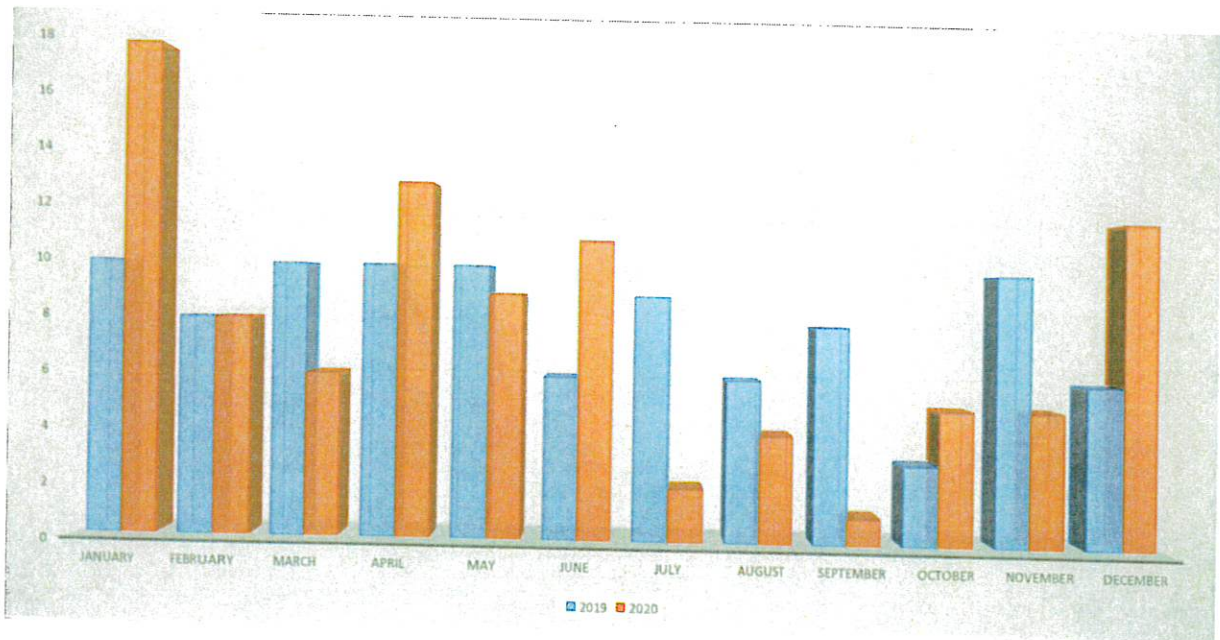
	2019	2020		2019	2020
Autauga	1	2	Marengo	1	0
Baldwin	4	1	Marion	0	0
Barbour	0	2	Marshall	0	1
Bibb	1	0	Mobile	5	6
Blount	0	0	Monroe	0	2
Bullock	0	0	Montgomery	3	9
Butler	1	1	Morgan	2	3
Calhoun	1	0	Perry	0	0
Chambers	0	0	Picken	0	0
Cherokee	0	1	Pike	0	0
Chilton	1	1	Randolph	0	0
Choctaw	0	2	Russell	3	0
Clarke	2	1	Shelby	2	3
Clay	0	0	St. Clair	1	1
Cleburne	0	0	Sumpter	0	0
Coffee	1	0	Talladega	1	3
Colbert	2	1	Tallapoosa	1	5
Conecuh	0	1	Tuscaloosa	3	1
Coosa	0	0	Walker	2	2
Covington	0	2	Washington	1	1
Crenshaw	0	1	Wilcox	0	0
Cullman	2	2	Winston	0	1
Dale	1	1	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>
Dallas	1	0			
Dekalb	10	1			
Elmore	1	0			
Escambia	0	1			
Etowah	1	1			
Fayette	0	0			
Franklin	0	0			
Geneva	1	0			
Greene	1	1			
Hale	2	0			
Henry	0	0			
Houston	0	3			
Jackson	0	8			
Jefferson	17	13			
Lamar	0	0			
Lauderdale	3	1			
Lawrence	2	3			
Lee	4	1			
Limestone	5	1			
Lowndes	0	1			
Macon	1	1			
Madison	5	1			



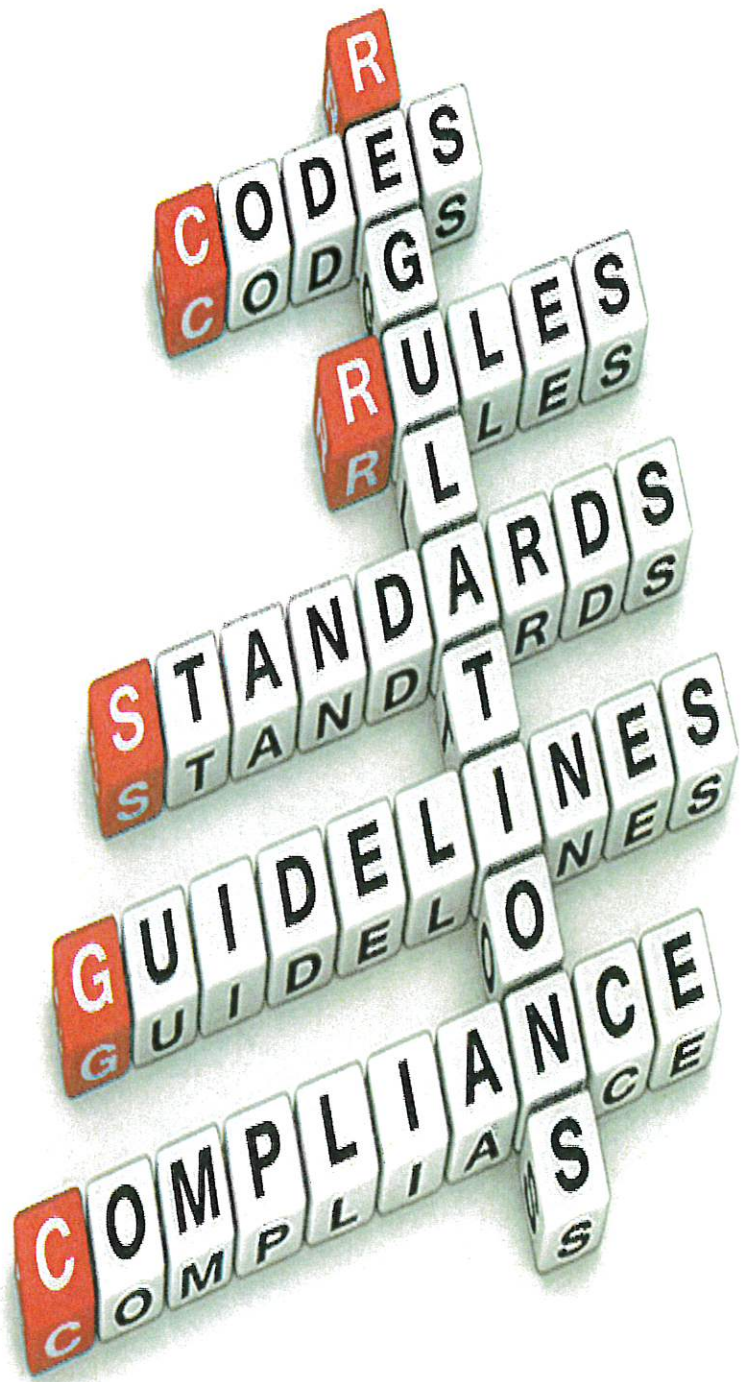
## FATALITY BY MONTH

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>JANUARY</b>	10	18
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	8	8
<b>MARCH</b>	10	6
<b>APRIL</b>	10	13
<b>MAY</b>	10	9
<b>JUNE</b>	6	11
<b>JULY</b>	9	2
<b>AUGUST</b>	6	4
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	8	1
<b>OCTOBER</b>	3	5
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	10	5
<b>DECEMBER</b>	6	12

<b>Grand Total:</b>	96	94
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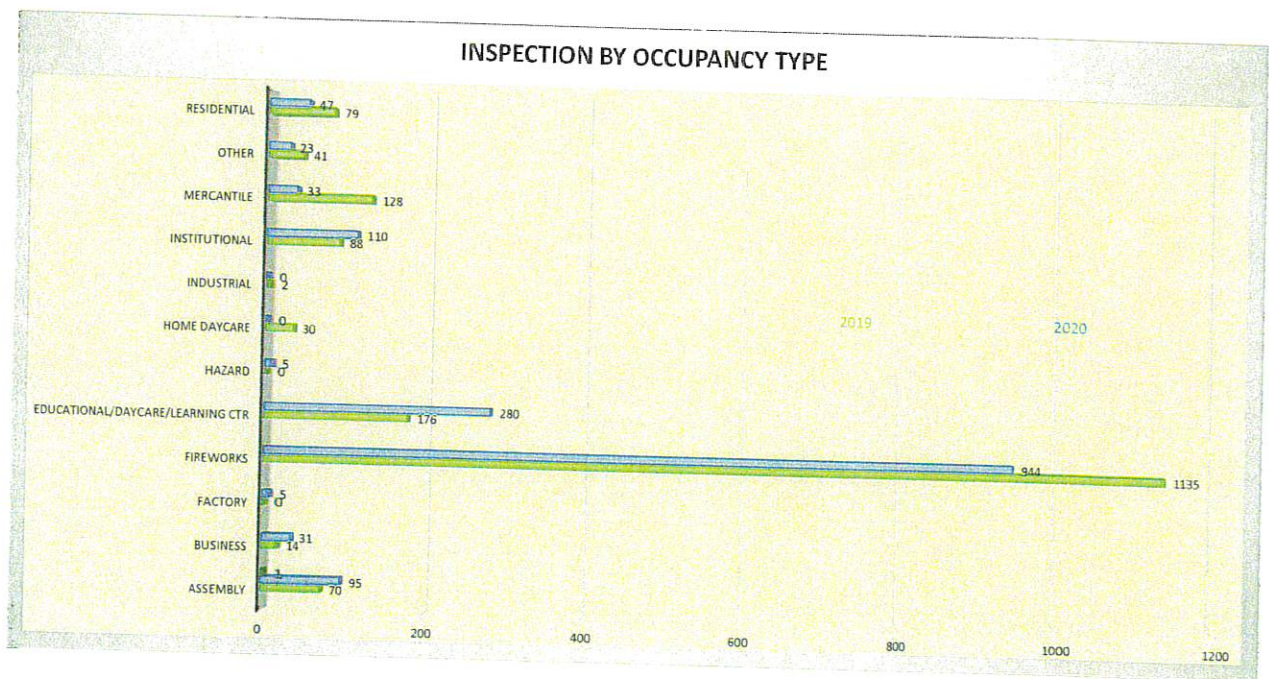


**SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS BY COUNTY**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Autauga	105	8	Jackson	440	140
Baldwin	308	37	Jefferson	791	638
Barbour	1	1	Lawrence	0	34
Bibb	14	0	Lamar	64	0
Blount	152	54	Lauderdale	0	0
Bullock	0	0	Lawrence	0	0
Butler	245	44	Lee	4	28
Calhoun	1479	8	Limestone	60	0
Chambers	31	91	Lowndes	0	0
Cherokee	51	0	Macon	0	0
Chilton	9	0	Madison	110	37
Choctaw	33	0	Marengo	66	56
Clarke	58	0	Marion	18	119
Clay	0	0	Marshall	129	0
Cleburne	0	0	Mobile	641	321
Coffee	0	0	Monroe	26	194
Colbert	220	0	Montgomery	20	9
Conecuh	106	0	Morgan	13	0
Coosa	180	0	Perry	0	12
Covington	152	0	Pickens	22	0
Crenshaw	0	8	Pike	0	240
Cullman	139	53	Randolph	0	0
Dale	0	15	Russell	0	0
Dekalb	228	106	Shelby	99	55
Elmore	219	41	St. Clair	160	5
Escambia	5	0	Sumter	206	0
Etowah	591	27	Talladega	28	52
Fayette	11	0	Tallapoosa	85	113
Franklin	297	0	Tuscaloosa	153	101
Geneva	8	0	Walker	29	2
Greene	93	0	Washington	126	0
Hale	0	0	Wilcox	186	8
Henry	0	0			
Houston	0	0	<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,211</b>	<b>2,657</b>



<i>INSPECTIONS BY OCCUPANCY TYPE</i>		
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>ASSEMBLY</b>	70	95
<b>BUSINESS</b>	14	31
<b>FACTORY</b>	0	5
<b>FIREWORKS</b>	1135	944
<b>EDUCATIONAL/DAYCARE/LEARNING CTR</b>	176	280
<b>HAZARD</b>	0	5
<b>HOME DAYCARE</b>	30	0
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>	2	0
<b>INSTITUTIONAL</b>	88	110
<b>MERCANTILE</b>	128	33
<b>OTHER</b>	41	23
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	79	47
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1763</b>	<b>1573</b>





INSPECTIONS (CODEPAL) BY COUNTIES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	
<u>Autauga</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Jackson</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Baldwin</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>39</u>		<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Barbour</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>Lamar</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Bibb</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>19</u>		<u>Lauderdale</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Blount</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>29</u>		<u>Lawrence</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Bullock</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>Lee</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Butler</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>Limestone</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Calhoun</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>		<u>Lowndes</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Chambers</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>22</u>		<u>Macon</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cherokee</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Madison</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Chilton</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Marengo</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Choctaw</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>Marion</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Clarke</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Marshall</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Clay</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>Mobile</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>Cleburne</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Monroe</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Coffee</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Montgomery</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Colbert</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>Morgan</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Conecuh</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>Perry</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Coosa</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>Pickens</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Covington</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>		<u>Pike</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Crenshaw</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Randolph</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Cullman</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>Russell</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Dale</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>24</u>		<u>Shelby</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>Dallas</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>St. Clair</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Dekalb</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>Sumpter</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Elmore</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>22</u>		<u>Talladega</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Escambia</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>Tallapoosa</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Etowah</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>Tuscaloosa</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Fayette</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>Walker</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Franklin</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>Washington</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Geneva</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Wilcox</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Greene</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>Winston</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Hale</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>				
<u>Henry</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>				
<u>Houston</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>				
				<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b><u>628</u></b>	<b><u>629</u></b>



FIREWORKS INSPECTIONS BY COUNTIES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Autauga	7	6	Jackson	13	17
Baldwin	69	56	Jefferson	161	106
Barbour	4	3	Lamar	1	1
Bibb	4	4	Lauderdale	32	26
Blount	15	15	Lawrence	12	12
Bullock	0	0	Lee	20	14
Butler	4	4	Limestone	14	11
Calhoun	26	20	Lowndes	1	0
Chambers	5	4	Macon	3	1
Cherokee	16	16	Madison	75	54
Chilton	17	14	Marengo	10	8
Choctaw	4	5	Marion	7	8
Clarke	10	9	Marshall	17	14
Clay	5	4	Mobile	67	56
Cleburne	9	7	Monroe	9	6
Coffee	5	5	Montgomery	40	6
Colbert	19	12	Morgan	26	19
Conecuh	3	4	Perry	1	1
Coosa	0	0	Pickens	5	4
Covington	13	13	Pike	11	5
Crenshaw	3	3	Randolph	8	7
Cullman	27	23	Russell	5	4
Dale	12	7	Shelby	37	38
Dallas	5	5	St. Clair	25	25
Dekalb	20	22	Sumpter	3	1
Elmore	26	22	Talladega	19	22
Escambia	9	6	Tallapoosa	15	12
Etowah	24	24	Tuscaloosa	50	37
Fayette	5	3	Walker	17	16
Franklin	10	8	Washington	4	3
Geneva	9	8	Wilcox	1	1
Greene	1	2	Winston	13	12
Hale	7	5	Out of State	29	23
Henry	0	0			
Houston	20	17	Grand Total:	1135	944



# Fire Prevention/Public Education



## Staying safe

With proper preparedness, you can help keep your family safe from fire. Two easy steps you can take are: Testing the smoke alarms in your house and creating and practicing a fire escape plan.

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# 2020 Training

