

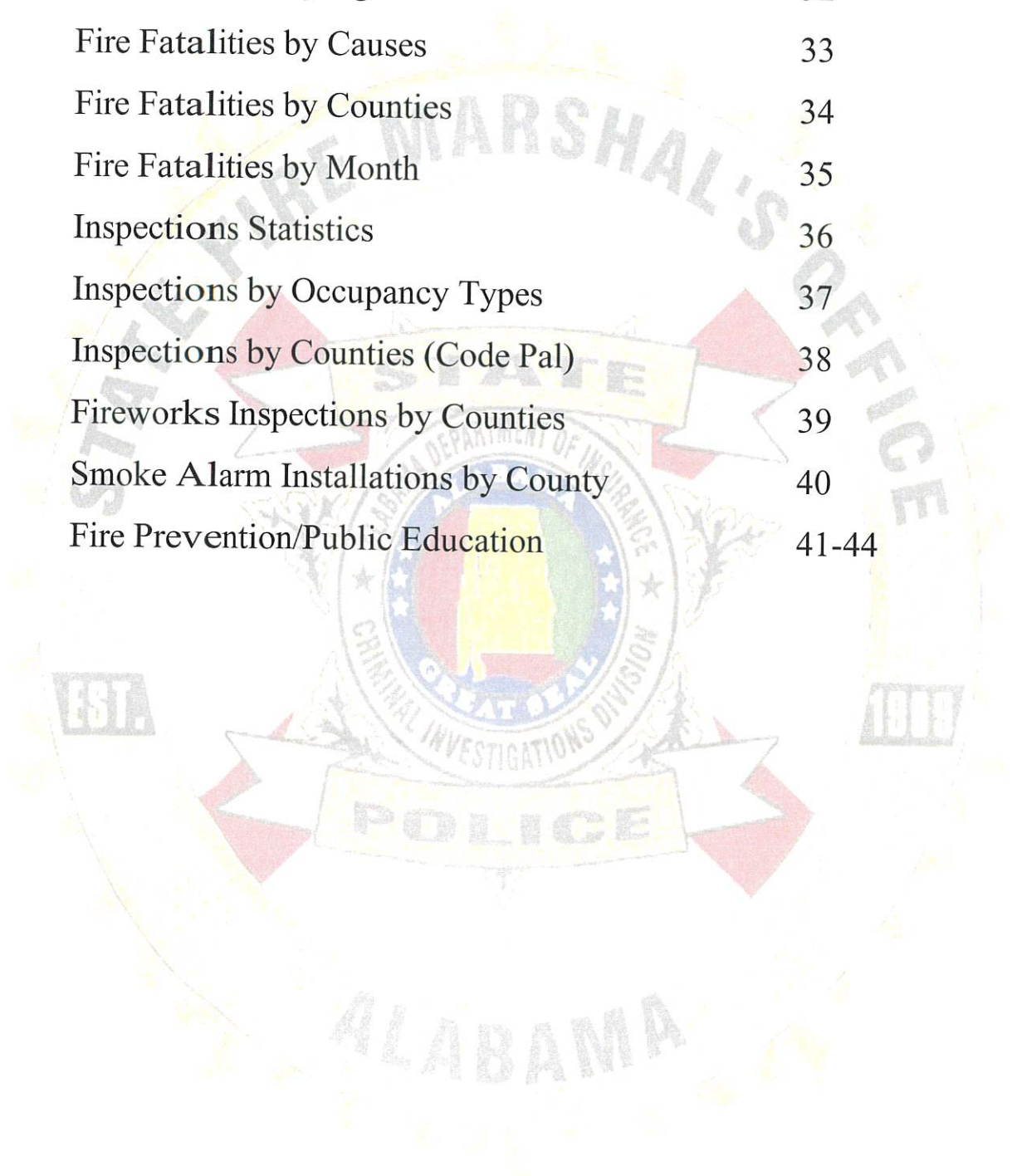
ALABAMA FIRE
MARSHAL'S OFFICE 2021
ANNUAL REPORT



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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 *2021 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 2021, 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 2021, the State Fire Marshal's Office conducted five hundred thirty-six (536) structure fire and/or explosion investigations. These investigations resulted in seventy-five (75) 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-two (1,762) inspections were conducted in 2021. These inspections were conducted 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 complaint or request while others were prerequisite prior to a permit being issued by the office.

Fire fatalities in 2021 totaled ninety-nine (99). The office is increasing its 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 established 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.

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 is headquartered in the RSA Tower, Montgomery and is operated by Director/State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen and two Assistant State Fire Marshals, Mark Drinkard, Arson/Code Bureau and Bill Herman, Criminal Fraud Bureau. Additionally, the division is staffed as follows; thirteen Deputy Fire Marshals and eight Special Agents in the Arson/Code Bureau, there are three Fraud Investigators and six Special Agents in the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. Also, the Fraud Bureau has one forensic Examiner and one Administrative Support Assistant. The Deputy State Fire Marshals, Criminal Fraud Investigators and Special Agents work from field offices throughout the state and are responsible for investigations and inspections in their respective districts.

The ALDOI Criminal Investigations Division is tasked with a variety of responsibilities which include but are not limited to the following: 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



Bill Herman
Criminal Fraud Bureau



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Office Manager



Margot Whatley, ASA III
Blasters, Firework Shows
Coordinator



Angie Shires , ASA III
Fraud Records Intake
Coordinator



Chalita Thornton, ASA III
Investigative Records, Cigarettes
Coordinator



Cristi Owens
Foresenic Examiner



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Fire pumps, Alarms,
Sprinklers, Fireworks
Coordinator



Jessica Barfield , ASA I
Investigative Records,
Procurement
Coordinator



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, (<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 2021, 236 complaints were assigned for investigation. 22 investigations concluded in arrest by our agency. Fraud investigations were conducted in 50 of the 67 Alabama counties. Jefferson County continues to be the highest reporting area with 42 investigations or 17% of the 236 with Baldwin and Mobile Counties with 55 cases or 23% combined assigned cases.**

2021 FRAUD CASES

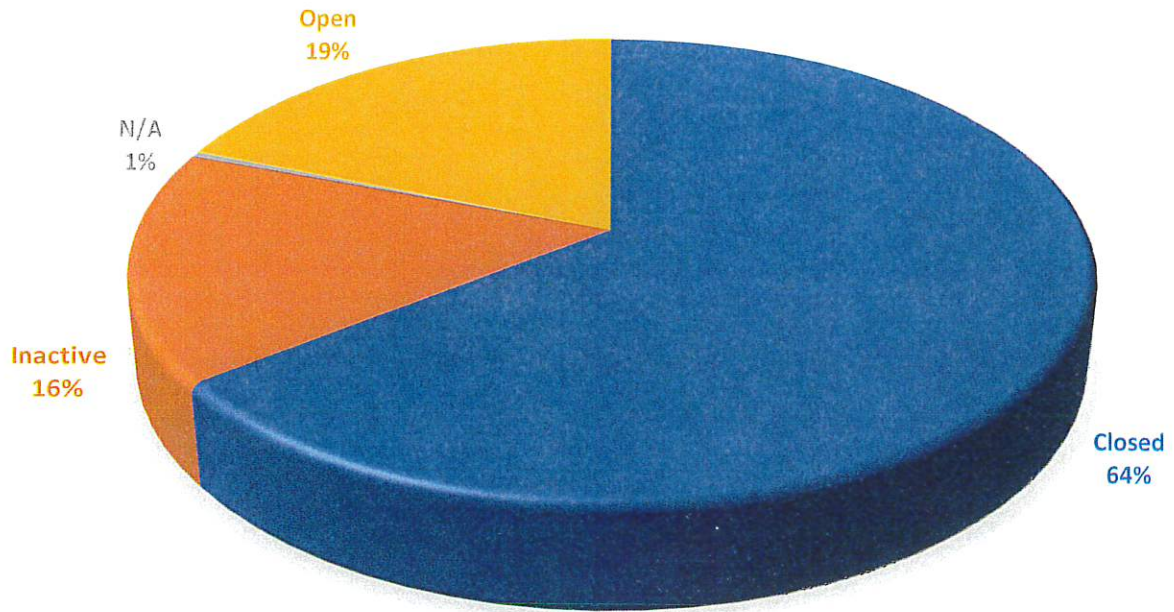
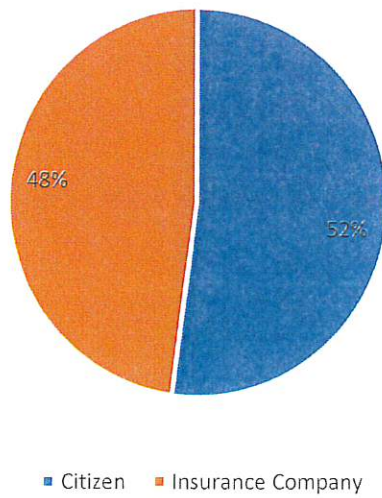
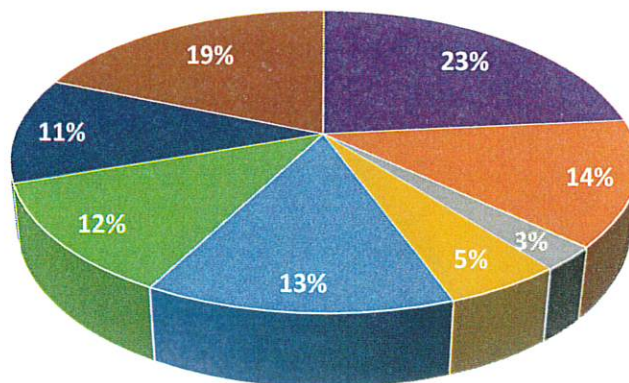


Figure 1: **TOTAL CASES** : 236

Case Reporter



CASE STATUS 2020-2021



- ADMINISTRATIVE ■ CRIMINAL CHARGES ■ INACTIVE ■ LACK OF RESOURCES
- NO PROSECUTION ■ OPEN ■ OTHER ■ UNFOUNDED

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

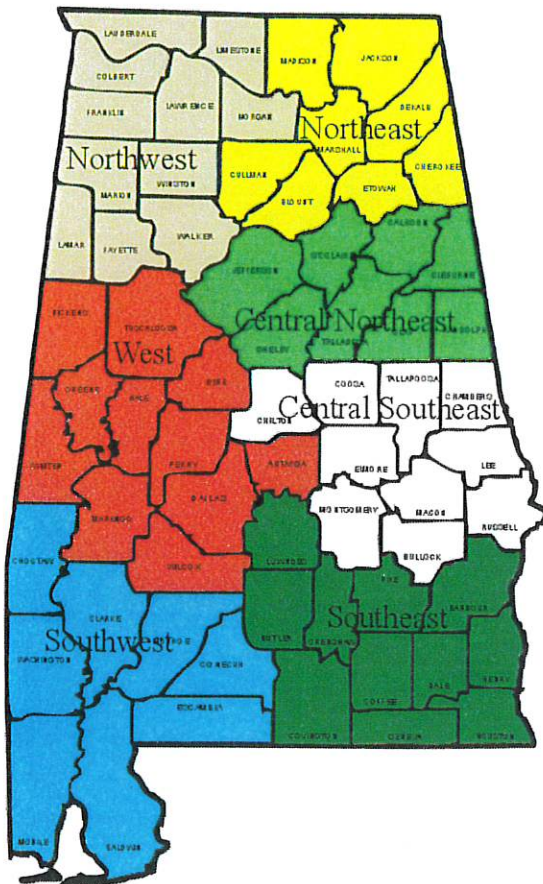
No Prosecution: The complaint was presented to prosecuting jurisdiction but was declined for prosecution

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

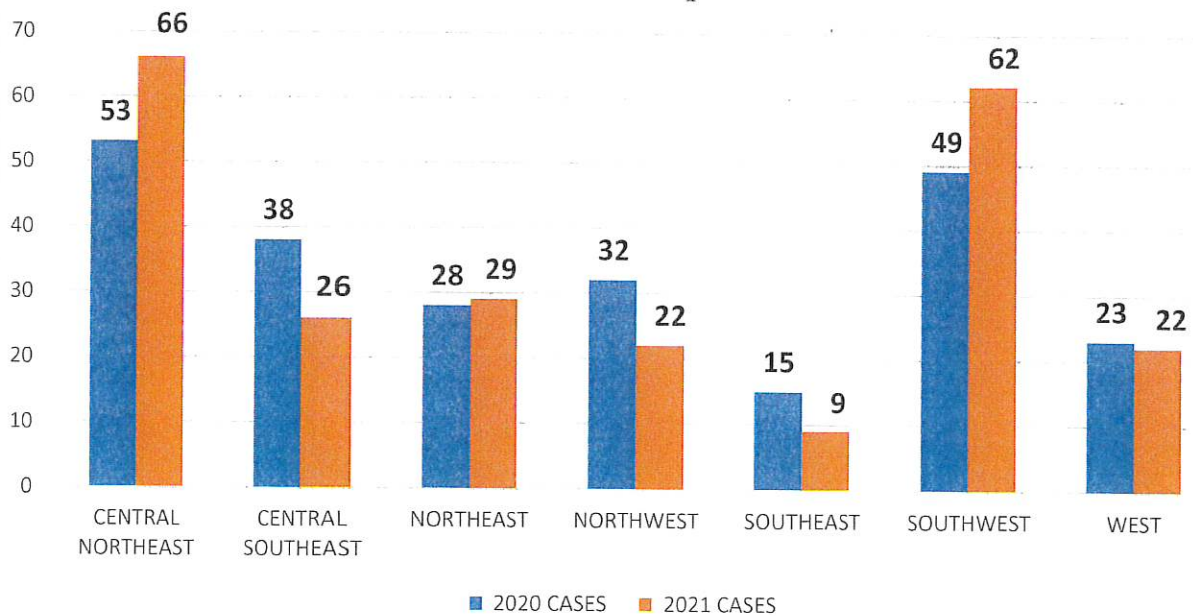
Unfounded: Complaint was investigated and was proven to be either a civil matter, did not occur as reported or at least “not criminal”

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
 2020-2021 Comparison





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:

DIGITAL ANALYSIS STATS

Agencies Assisted-7

Criminal Cases Assisted- 8

Computer / DVR's Analyzed- 6

Volume Examined -16.5 TB

Cell Phone Analysis -9

Volume Examined - 680 GB

Loose Media/Mass Storage Analyzed- 2

Volume Examined 2.0 TB

TOTAL VOLUME ANALYZED 19.18 TB

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, encourages fire departments to submit data to AFIRS. AFIRS is Alabama's segment of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. During the 2021 calendar year, over five hundred and ninety-eight (598) fire departments out of 1,191 fire departments have activated the electronic reporting account to the system. More than three hundred and thirteen (313) departments submitted data to the system in 2021. 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 and provides support services. During 2021 more than 600 calls or emails were received from fire departments or county fire associations around the state requesting assistance.

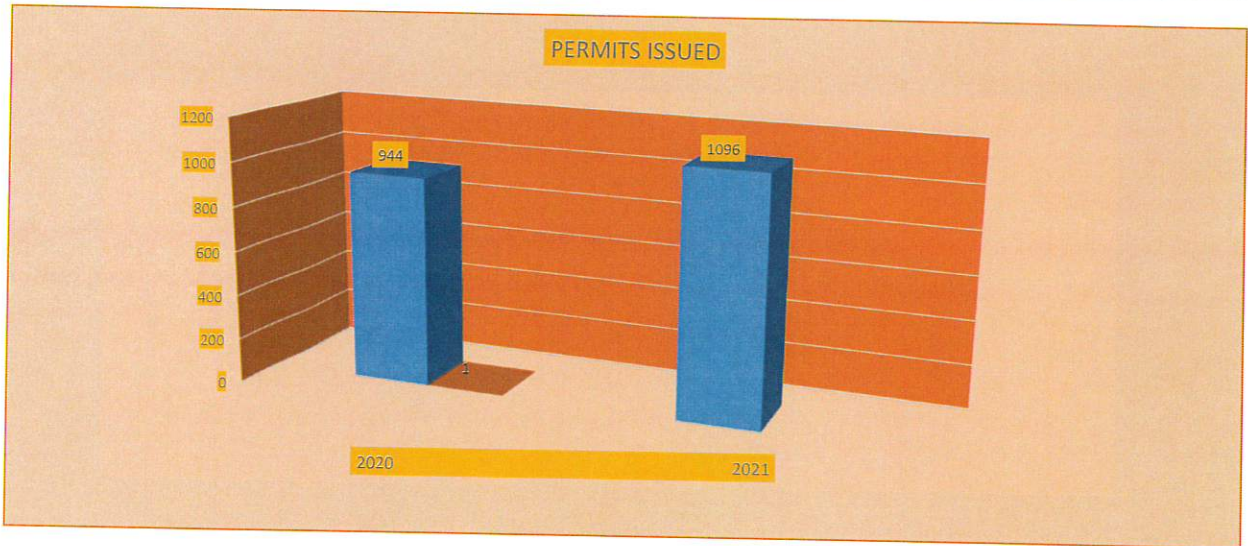
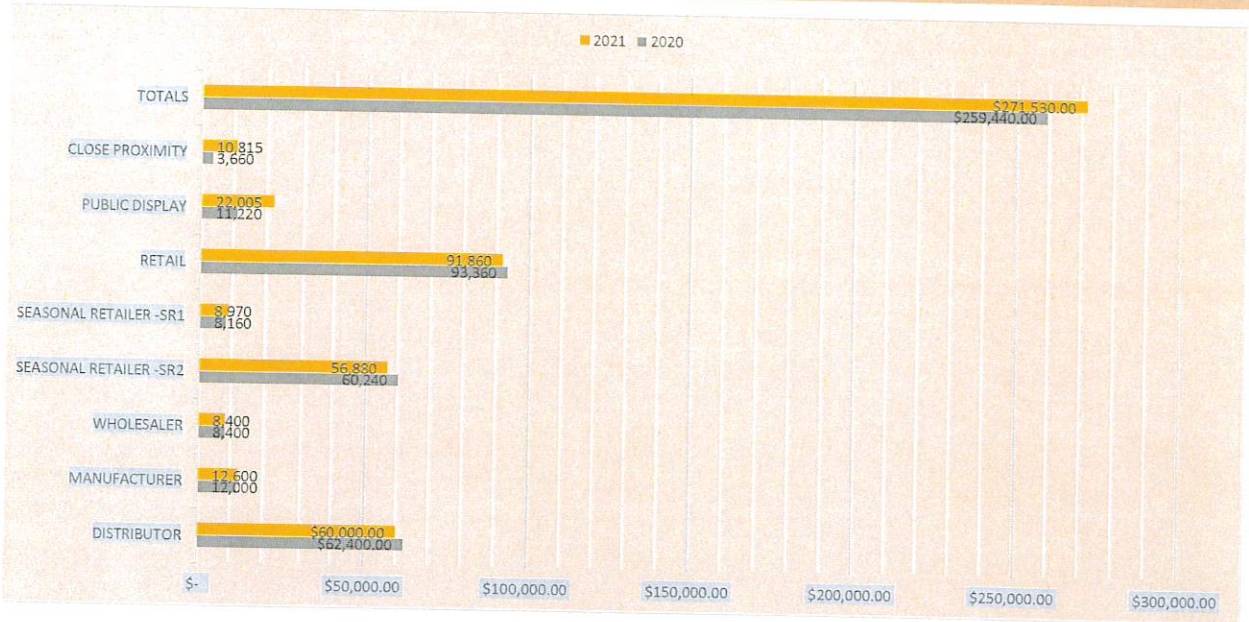
Our office is available to help any department that requests assistance. Assistance is first attempted over the telephone; however, site visits are not uncommon for more complex problems. FEMA now provides a newly designed web-based portal referred to as ANFIRS for the Data Entry Tool, available on their website. This access portal has dramatically simplified the process since software installation is no longer needed. In addition, most departments, particularly volunteer fire departments, have access to high-speed internet connections. The departments' entries can be made directly in ANFIRS, or data from third-party vendors can be imported into the system.

With the reduction of fires, especially fire deaths and fire injuries, in mind, State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen has placed emphasis on encouraging the fire service to timely report these incidents, which is in line with state law and regulations, so that this data can be used to determine the cause and origin. This data will then be compiled to identify the risks and provide public education through our Community Risk Reduction Bureau and field personnel with the overall goal of changing habits and behaviors.

PERMITS & LICENSES



FIREWORKS STATISTICS

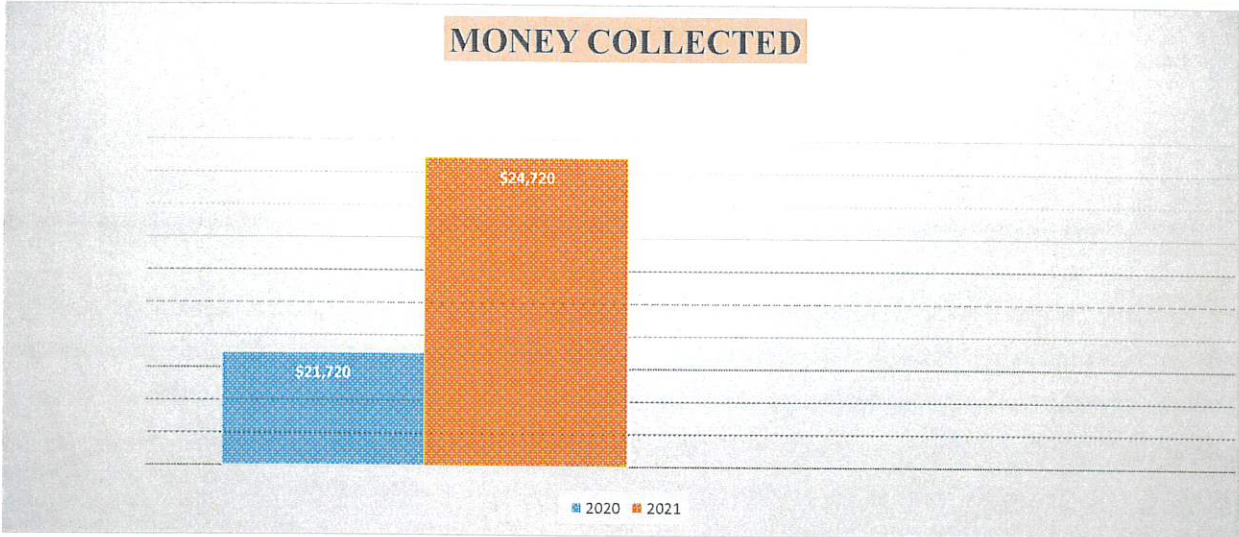


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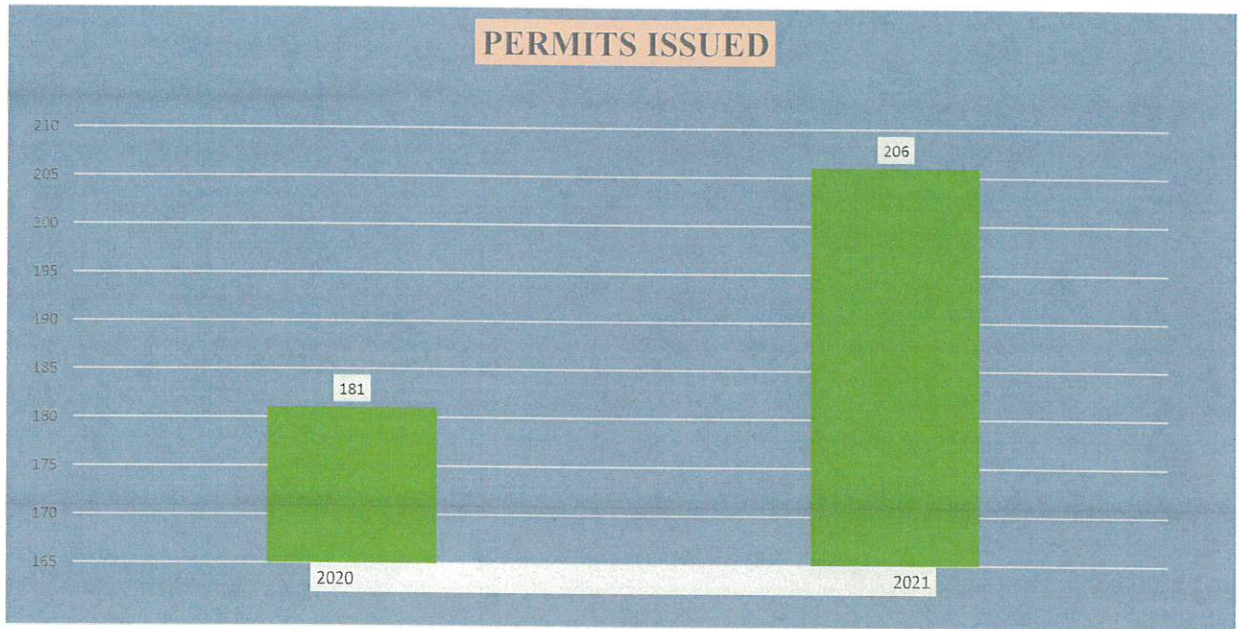
	2020	2021
DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 60,000.00
MANUFACTURER	12,000	12,600
WHOLESALER	8,400	8,400
SEASONAL RETAILER -SR2	60,240	56,880
SEASONAL RETAILER -SR1	8,160	8,970
RETAIL	93,360	91,860
PUBLIC DISPLAY	11,220	22,005
CLOSE PROXIMITY	3,660	10,815
TOTALS	\$ 259,440.00	\$ 271,530.00
PERMITS ISSUED	944	1096

FIRE SPRINKLER STATISTICS

MONEY COLLECTED



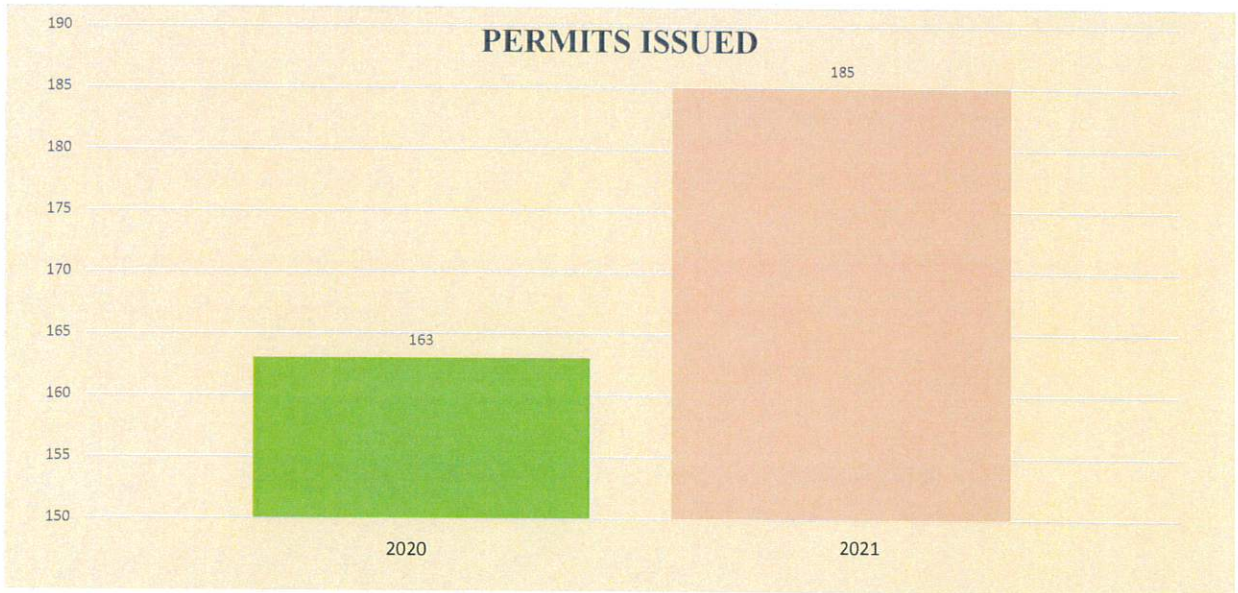
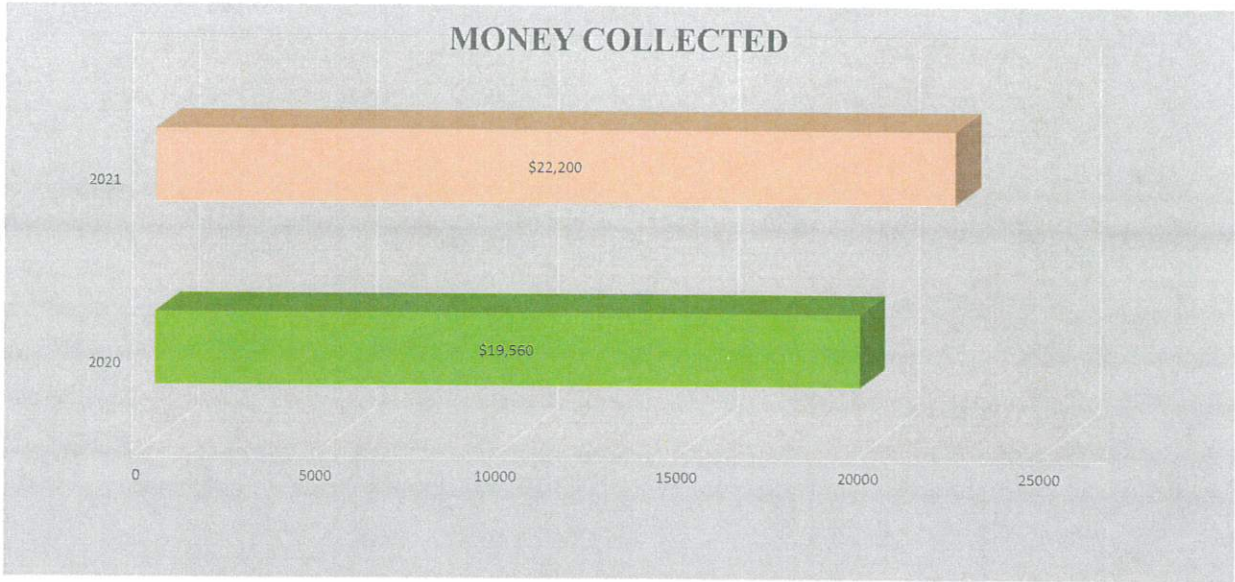
PERMITS ISSUED



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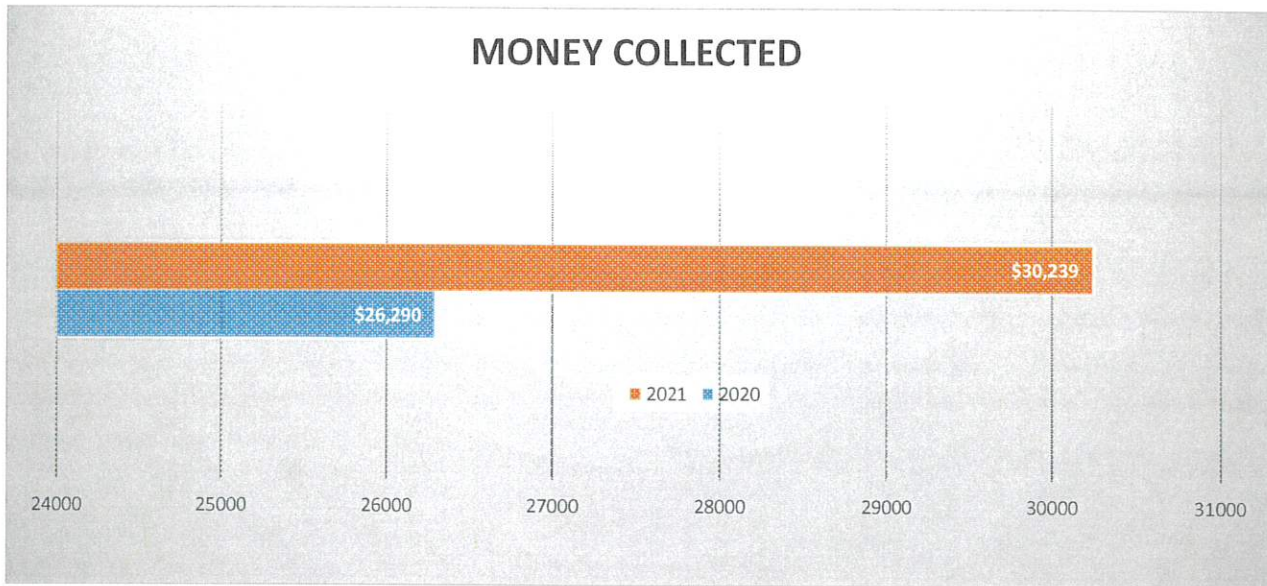
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
FIRE SPRINKLER	\$21,720	\$24,720
PERMITS ISSUED	181	206

FIRE PUMP STATISTICS



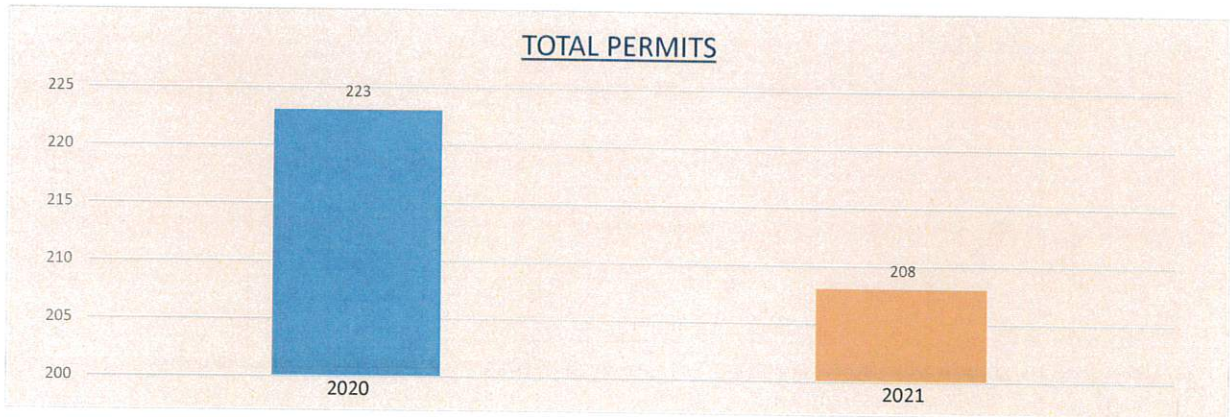
<u>MONEY COLLECTED</u>					
		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>		
FIRE PUMPS		\$19,560	\$22,200		
PERMITS ISSUED		163	185		

FIRE ALARM STATISTICS



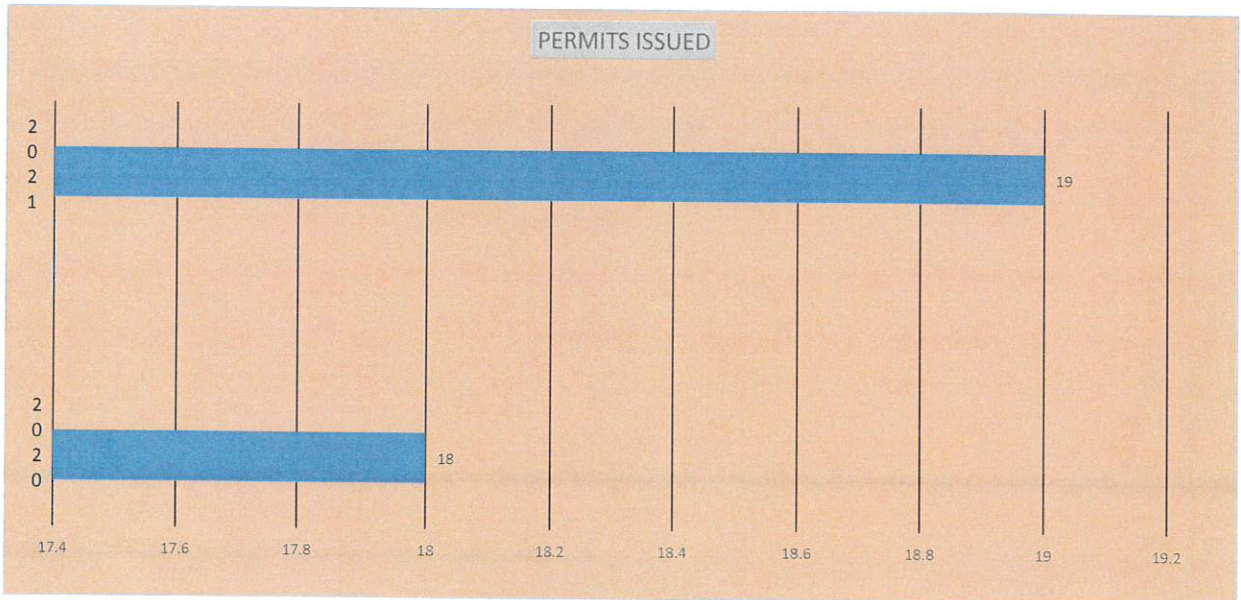
<u>MONEY COLLECTED</u>				<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
FIRE ALARMS				\$26,290	\$30,239
PERMITS ISSUE				237	248

CONTRACTOR & BLASTER STATISTICS



<u>MONEY COLLECTED</u>			
		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
CONTRACTORS		\$84,000	\$90,480
BLASTERS		22,560	21,768
TOTAL		106,560	112,248
TOTAL PERMITS		223	208

CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPENSITY STATISTICS

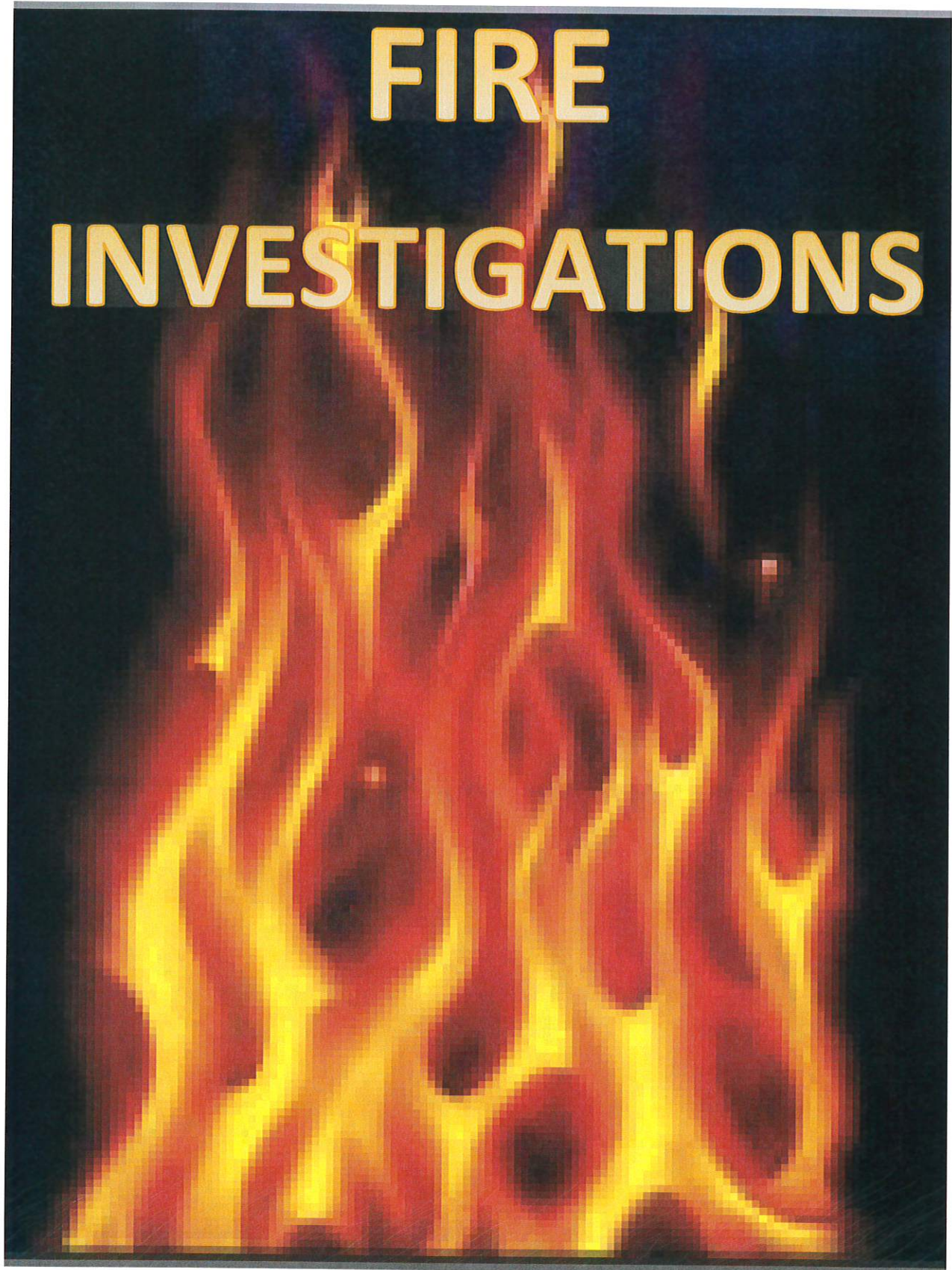


<u>Money Collected</u>		
	2020	2021
Money Collected	\$20,900	\$77,990
Total Permits Issued	18	19



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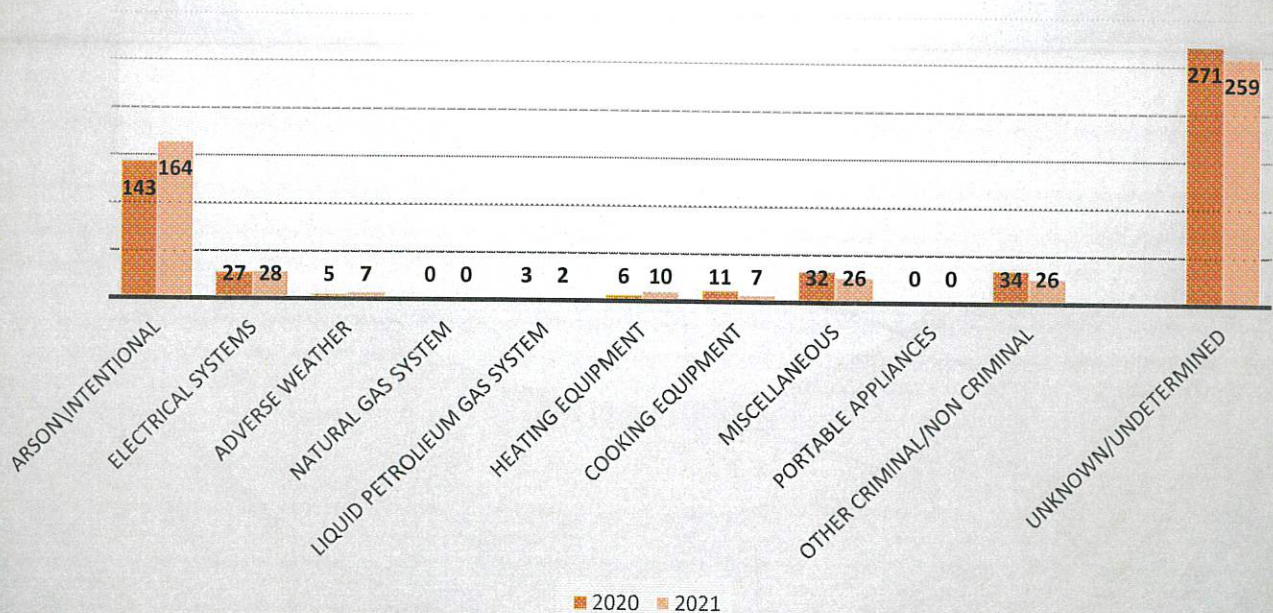
FIRE INVESTIGATIONS



CLASSIFICATIONS OF INVESTIGATIONS

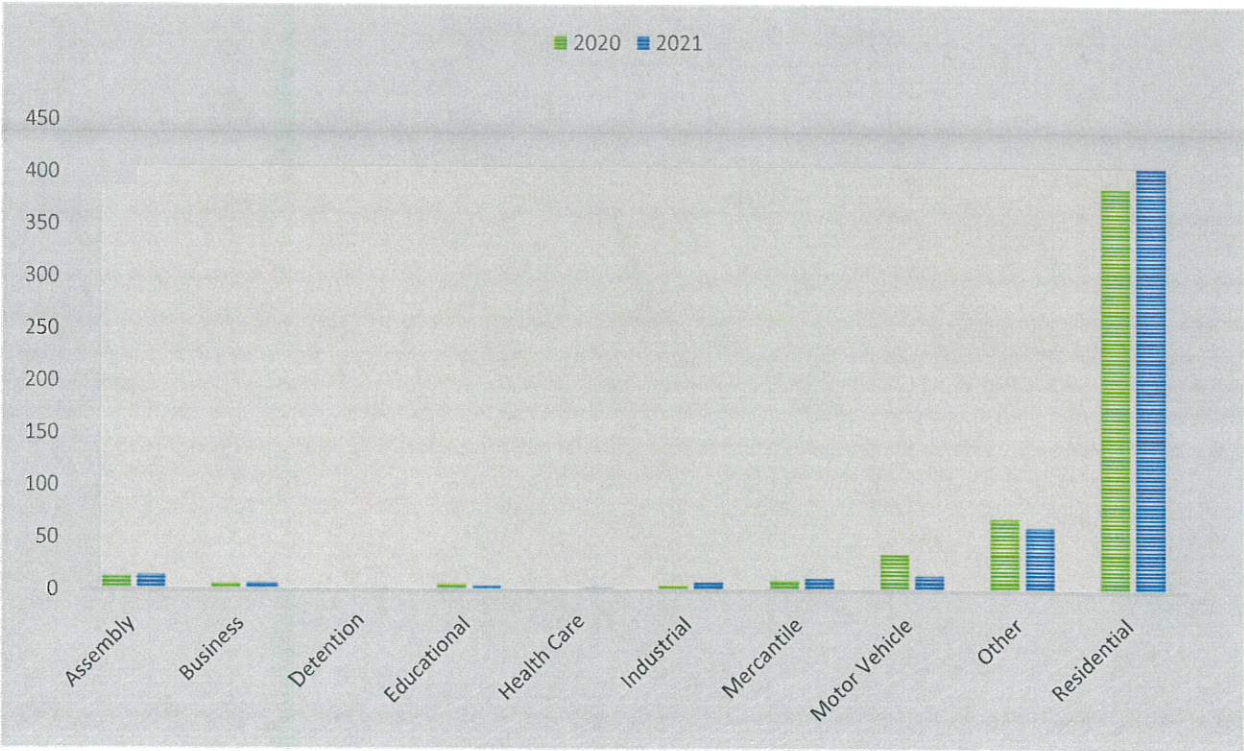
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
ARSON/INTENTIONAL	143	164
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	27	28
ADVERSE WEATHER	5	7
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM	0	0
LIQUID PETROLIEUM GAS SYSTEM	3	2
HEATING EQUIPMENT	6	10
COOKING EQUIPMENT	11	7
MISCELLANEOUS	32	26
PORTABLE APPLIANCES	0	0
OTHER CRIMINAL/NON CRIMINAL	34	26
UNKNOWN/UNDETERMINED	271	259
TOTAL	532	529

CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTIGATIONS



CASES BY PROPERTY TYPES

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assembly	13	14
Business	6	6
Detention	1	1
Educational	6	4
Health Care	1	2
Industrial	5	8
Mercantile	10	12
Motor Vehicle	35	15
Other	69	61
Residential	386	405
Total:	532	528



INVESTIGATIONS BY COUNTY

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<i>Autauga</i>	10	15	<i>Henry</i>	3	2
<i>Baldwin</i>	19	14	<i>Houston</i>	6	4
<i>Barbour</i>	4	13	<i>Jackson</i>	17	9
<i>Bibb</i>	6	5	<i>Jefferson</i>	22	17
<i>Blount</i>	6	12	<i>Lamar</i>	8	20
<i>Bullock</i>	5	2	<i>Lauderdale</i>	9	6
<i>Butler</i>	4	2	<i>Lawrence</i>	12	10
<i>Calhoun</i>	5	9	<i>Lee</i>	10	15
<i>Chambers</i>	0	4	<i>Limestone</i>	8	4
<i>Cherokee</i>	7	5	<i>Lowndes</i>	2	4
<i>Chilton</i>	13	11	<i>Macon</i>	7	8
<i>Choctaw</i>	10	6	<i>Madison</i>	14	13
<i>Clarke</i>	12	5	<i>Marengo</i>	1	2
<i>Clay</i>	6	3	<i>Marion</i>	13	9
<i>Cleburne</i>	6	7	<i>Marshall</i>	10	12
<i>Coffee</i>	10	13	<i>Mobile</i>	29	11
<i>Colbert</i>	14	11	<i>Monroe</i>	4	5
<i>Conecuh</i>	8	3	<i>Montgomery</i>	8	8
<i>Coosa</i>	6	4	<i>Morgan</i>	8	3
<i>Covington</i>	13	8	<i>Perry</i>	4	4
<i>Crenshaw</i>	4	2	<i>Pickens</i>	1	2
<i>Cullman</i>	10	6	<i>Pike</i>	2	5
<i>Dale</i>	9	7	<i>Randolph</i>	13	5
<i>Dallas</i>	6	5	<i>Russell</i>	0	12
<i>Dekalb</i>	14	13	<i>Shelby</i>	7	4
<i>Elmore</i>	10	20	<i>St. Clair</i>	6	5
<i>Escambia</i>	6	9	<i>Sumpter</i>	1	2
<i>Etowah</i>	2	3	<i>Talladega</i>	12	20
<i>Fayette</i>	4	4	<i>Tallapoosa</i>	3	6
<i>Franklin</i>	3	2	<i>Tuscaloosa</i>	3	2
<i>Geneva</i>	16	20	<i>Walker</i>	26	33
<i>Greene</i>	1	3	<i>Washington</i>	5	4
<i>Hale</i>	3	1	<i>Wilcox</i>	0	4
			<i>Winston</i>	5	11
			Total:	532	528

Total Cases by Requestor Type

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
911 Center	18	16
Citizen	11	9
Fire Department	242	243
Government Official	6	8
Insurance Industry	3	2
Occupant	4	3
Police Department	52	63
Property Owner	21	21
Sheriffs Department	153	135
State Fire Marshals Office	28	28
Total:	532	528

**ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OTHERS IN
MANHOURS**

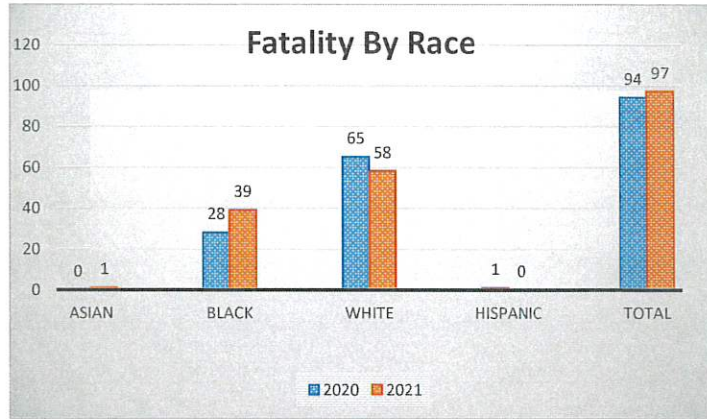
	2020	2021
<i>ALLEAPS</i>	115	49
<i>CFAF</i>	14	
<i>Cellular Mapping and Analysis</i>		1
<i>Deputy Fire Marshal</i>	878	1168
<i>Digital Forensics</i>		16
<i>Drone Training</i>	113	6
<i>Drone Use/Response</i>	84	110
<i>Faro Response</i>	109	75
<i>Faro Training</i>	9	4
<i>Fire Department</i>	42	168
<i>Follow-Up</i>	385	584
<i>K9 Response</i>	38	82
<i>Law Enforcement Agency</i>	457	435
<i>NFIRS</i>	0	
<i>Polygraph (Other Agency)</i>	447	754
<i>Polygraph DSFM</i>	16	
<i>Polygraph Refuse</i>	6	16
<i>Polygraph Response</i>	12	
<i>Public Education</i>	100	116
<i>Trailer Response</i>	334	242
Grand Total:	3,159	3,826

<i>ARREST/CHARGES</i>		
	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>
Animal Cruelty	2	0
Altered VIN	0	0
Abuse of Corpse	0	0
Arson 1st Degree	10	11
Arson 2nd Degree	18	29
Arson 3rd Degree	1	0
Assault 1st Degree	1	0
Assault 2nd Degree	1	0
Attempted Arson 1st Degree	1	0
Attempted Murder	2	5
Attempting to Elude	1	0
Bail Jumping 2nd Degree	0	1
Burglary 2nd Degree	0	2
Burglary 3rd Degree	1	2
Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess Pistol	0	1
Capital Murder	0	0
Criminal Mischief 1st Degree	5	1
Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree	1	0
Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree	0	0
Criminal Possession of Explosive Device	0	0
Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree	0	0
Domestic Violence 1st Degree	0	1
Driving Under the influence	3	0
Fugitive	1	0
False Reporting to Law Enforcement Authorities	0	0
Falsely Reporting an Incident	1	0
Fireworks Permit Violation	0	1
Insurance Fraud 1st	6	3
Intentional Burning of Woodlands	0	9
Intimidating a Witness	1	0
Manslaughter	0	0
Murder	2	0
Obstructing Gov't Operations	1	0
Possession of a Short Barrel Shotgun	0	0
Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia	1	0
Possession of Explosive Devices	0	0
Possession or Receipt of a Controlled Substance	0	2
Resisting Arrest	0	0
Robbery 1st Degree	0	0
Terrorist Threat	4	1
Terroristic Threat	0	4
Theft of Property 1st Degree	1	0
Theft of Property 2nd Degree	0	0
Theft of Property 3rd Degree	0	0
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 1st Degree	2	0
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 2nd Degree	0	0
Unlawful Possession, Receipt, Distribution of a Controlled Substance	1	0
Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1	0
Writ of Arrest	1	0
Woodlands Arson	0	2
Total Charges:	70	75

FATALITY BY RACE AND GENDER

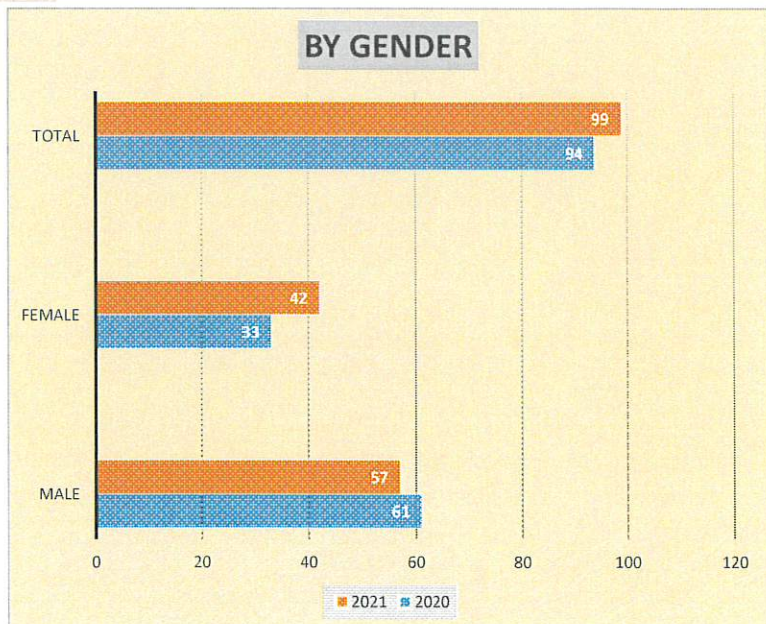
FATALITY BY RACE

	2020	2021
Asian	0	1
Black	28	39
White	65	58
Hispanic	1	0
TOTAL	94	97



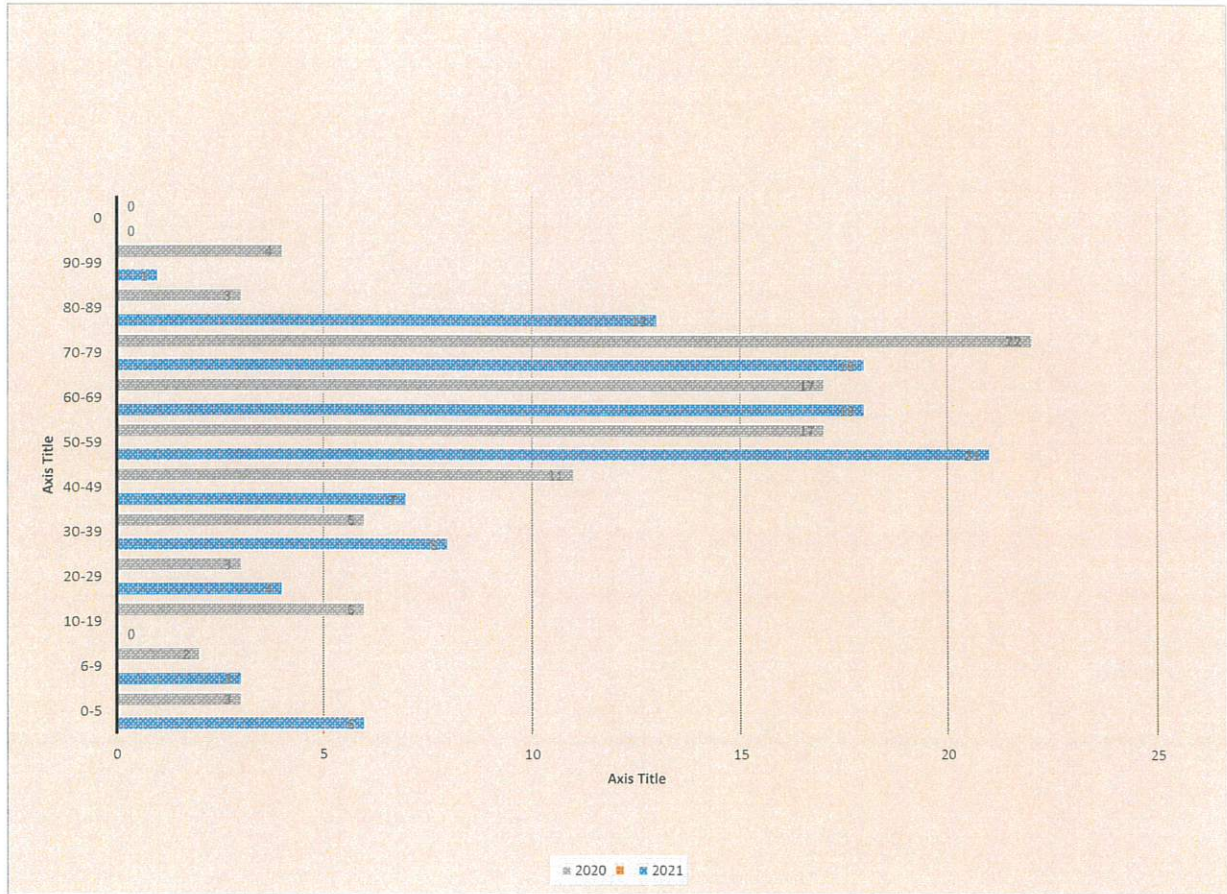
FATALITY BY GENDER

	2020	2021
Male	61	57
Female	33	42
TOTAL	94	99



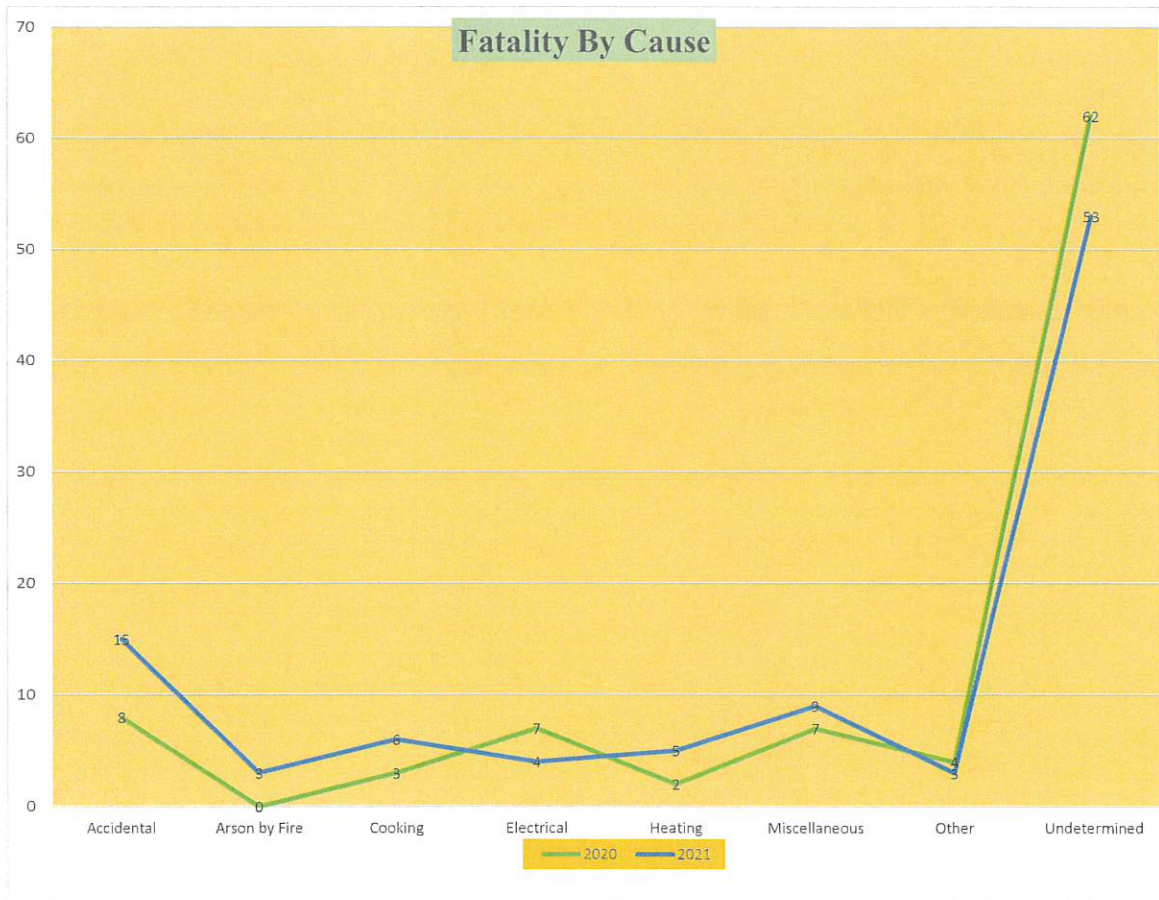
FATALITY BY AGE

	0-5	6-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	0	Total
2021	6	3	0	4	8	7	21	18	18	13	1	0	99
2020	3	2	6	3	6	11	17	17	22	3	4	0	94



FATALITY BY CAUSES

	2020	2021
Accidental	8	15
Arson by Fire	0	3
Cooking	3	6
Electrical	7	4
Heating	2	5
Miscellaneous	7	9
Other	4	3
Undetermined	62	53
Weather	1	1
Total:	94	99

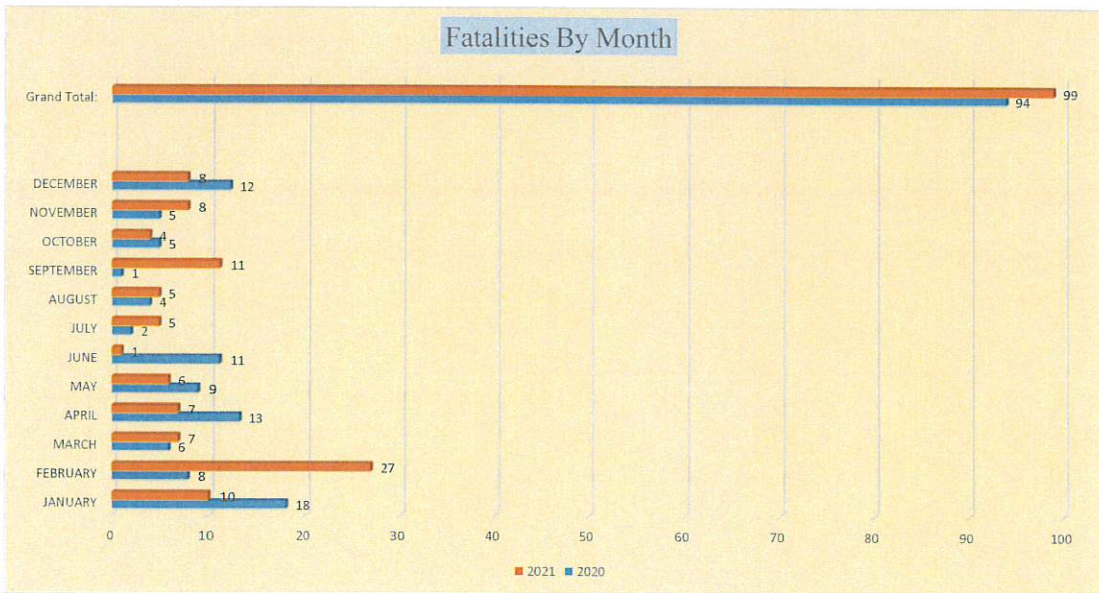


FATALITY BY COUNTIES

	2020	2021		2020	2021
Autauga	2	0	Marengo	0	2
Baldwin	1	2	Marion	0	1
Barbour	2	0	Marshall	1	2
Bibb	0	1	Mobile	6	7
Blount	0	1	Monroe	2	1
Bullock	0	0	Montgomery	9	7
Butler	1	0	Morgan	3	1
Calhoun	0	1	Perry	0	0
Chambers	0	0	Picken	0	1
Cherokee	1	2	Pike	0	1
Chilton	1	0	Randolph	0	0
Choctaw	2	0	Russell	0	3
Clarke	1	1	Shelby	3	1
Clay	0	1	St. Clair	1	2
Cleburne	0	1	Sumpter	0	1
Coffee	0	0	Talladega	3	6
Colbert	1	3	Tallapoosa	5	2
Conecuh	1	1	Tuscaloosa	1	0
Coosa	0	0	Walker	2	2
Covington	2	1	Washington	1	1
Crenshaw	1	1	Wilcox	0	0
Cullman	2	0	Winston	1	1
Dale	1	1	Grand Total:	94	99
Dallas	0	0			
Dekalb	1	4			
Elmore	0	2			
Escambia	1	2			
Etowah	1	0			
Fayette	0	0			
Franklin	0	0			
Geneva	0	0			
Greene	1	0			
Hale	0	1			
Henry	0	0			
Houston	3	0			
Jackson	8	3			
Jefferson	13	12			
Lamar	0	2			
Lauderdale	1	2			
Lawrence	3	2			
Lee	1	0			
Limestone	1	2			
Lowndes	1	0			
Macon	1	0			
Madison	1	8			

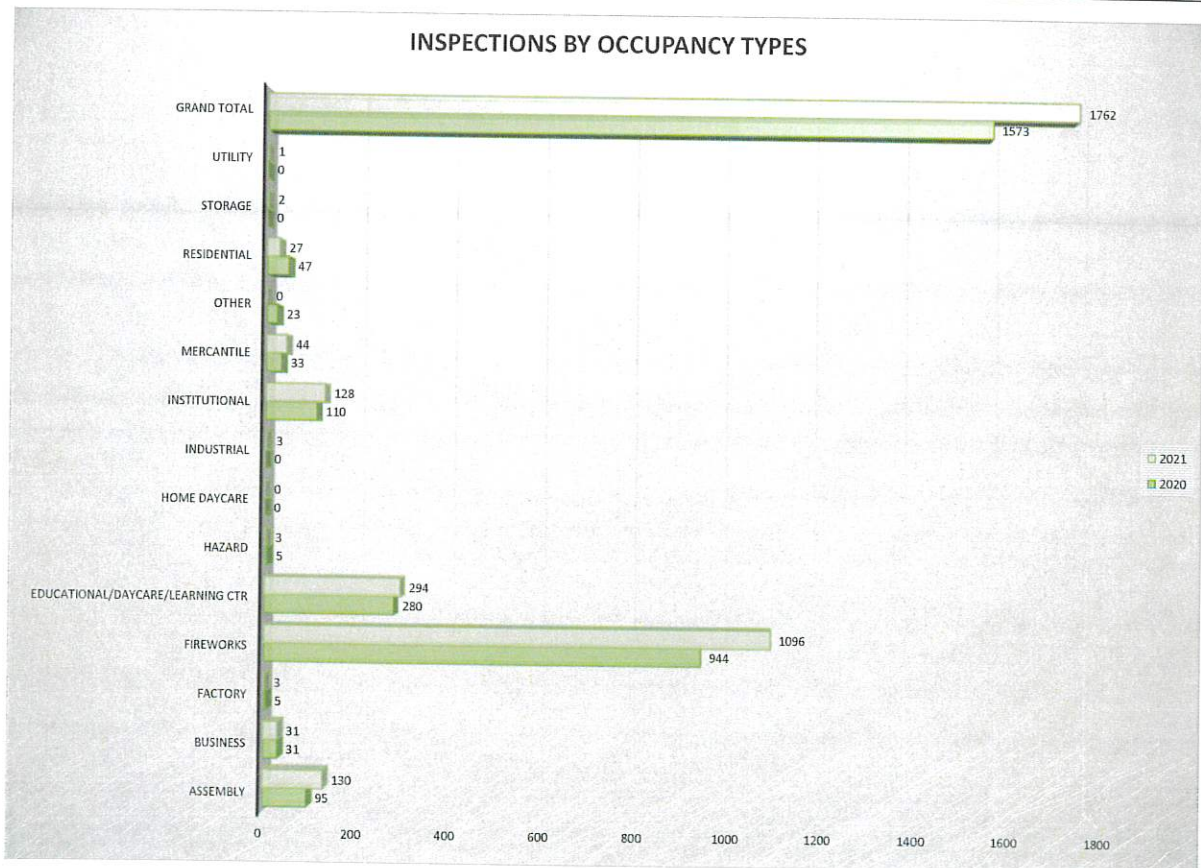
FATALITY BY MONTH

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
JANUARY	18	10
FEBRUARY	8	27
MARCH	6	7
APRIL	13	7
MAY	9	6
JUNE	11	1
JULY	2	5
AUGUST	4	5
SEPTEMBER	1	11
OCTOBER	5	4
NOVEMBER	5	8
DECEMBER	12	8
Grand Total:	94	99





<u>INSPECTIONS BY OCCUPANCY TYPE</u>		2020	2021
ASSEMBLY		95	130
BUSINESS		31	31
FACTORY		5	3
FIREWORKS		944	1096
EDUCATIONAL/DAYCARE/LEARNING CTR		280	294
HAZARD		5	3
HOME DAYCARE		0	0
INDUSTRIAL		0	3
INSTITUTIONAL		110	128
MERCANTILE		33	44
OTHER		23	0
RESIDENTIAL		47	27
STORAGE		0	2
UTILITY		0	1
GRAND TOTAL		1573	1762



INSPECTIONS (CODEPAL) BY COUNTIES

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Autauga</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>Jackson</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Baldwin</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>42</u>		<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>Barbour</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>Lamar</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Bibb</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Lauderdale</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Blount</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>Lawrence</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Bullock</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Lee</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Butler</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Limestone</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>Calhoun</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>		<u>Lowndes</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Chambers</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>Macon</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Cherokee</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>Madison</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Chilton</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>Marengo</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Choctaw</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Marion</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Clarke</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Marshall</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Clay</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Mobile</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Cleburne</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>Monroe</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Coffee</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>Montgomery</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Colbert</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Morgan</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Conecuh</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>Perry</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Coosa</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Pickens</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Covington</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>Pike</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Crenshaw</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>Randolph</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Cullman</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>Russell</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Dale</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>Shelby</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Dallas</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>St. Clair</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Dekalb</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>Sumter</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Elmore</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>Talladega</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>51</u>
<u>Escambia</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>Tallapoosa</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Etowah</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Tuscaloosa</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Fayette</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>Walker</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Franklin</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Washington</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Geneva</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>		<u>Wilcox</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Greene</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>Winston</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Hale</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>				
<u>Henry</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>				
<u>Houston</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>		Grand Total:	<u>629</u>	<u>662</u>

FIREWORKS INSPECTIONS BY COUNTIES

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Autauga	6	6	Jackson	17	11
Baldwin	56	29	Jefferson	106	80
Barbour	3	2	Lamar	1	1
Bibb	4	3	Lauderdale	26	17
Blount	15	13	Lawrence	12	13
Bullock	0	1	Lee	14	14
Butler	4	3	Limestone	11	11
Calhoun	20	25	Lowndes	0	0
Chambers	4	2	Macon	1	1
Cherokee	16	13	Madison	54	49
Chilton	14	12	Marengo	8	6
Choctaw	5	4	Marion	8	6
Clarke	9	5	Marshall	14	16
Clay	4	2	Mobile	56	49
Cleburne	7	7	Monroe	6	4
Coffee	5	2	Montgomery	6	6
Colbert	12	12	Morgan	19	19
Conecuh	4	3	Perry	1	4
Coosa	0	0	Pickens	4	3
Covington	13	12	Pike	5	6
Crenshaw	3	2	Randolph	7	7
Cullman	23	21	Russell	4	6
Dale	7	6	Shelby	38	33
Dallas	5	7	St. Clair	25	21
Dekalb	22	18	Sumter	1	1
Elmore	22	17	Talladega	22	16
Escambia	6	3	Tallapoosa	12	13
Etowah	24	22	Tuscaloosa	37	33
Fayette	3	3	Walker	16	13
Franklin	8	8	Washington	3	2
Geneva	8	8	Wilcox	1	1
Greene	2	3	Winston	12	7
Hale	5	4	Out of State	23	
Henry	0	1			
Houston	17	16	Grand Total:	944	764

SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS BY COUNTY

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Autauga	8	0	Jackson	140	43
Baldwin	37	10	Jefferson	638	24
Barbour	1	27	Lawrence	34	0
Bibb	0	0	Lamar	0	0
Blount	54	0	Lauderdale	0	20
Bullock	0	0	Lawrence	0	0
Butler	44	0	Lee	28	0
Calhoun	8	0	Limestone	0	1
Chambers	91	9	Lowndes	0	0
Cherokee	0	25	Macon	0	42
Chilton	0	0	Madison	37	3
Choctaw	0	0	Marengo	56	7
Clarke	0	21	Marion	119	1
Clay	0	0	Marshall	0	0
Cleburne	0	0	Mobile	321	361
Coffee	0	6	Monroe	194	40
Colbert	0	0	Montgomery	9	0
Conecuh	0	0	Morgan	0	0
Coosa	0	0	Perry	12	0
Covington	0	59	Pickens	0	0
Crenshaw	8	0	Pike	240	2
Cullman	53	0	Randolph	0	0
Dale	15	0	Russell	0	0
Dekalb	106	0	Shelby	55	0
Elmore	41	5	St. Clair	5	0
Escambia	0	6	Sumter	0	2
Etowah	27	18	Talladega	52	86
Fayette	0	0	Tallapoosa	113	3
Franklin	0	0	Tuscaloosa	101	0
Geneva	0	0	Walker	2	0
Greene	0	0	Washington	0	72
Hale	0	0	Wilcox	8	39
Henry	0	0			
Houston	0	0	Total:	2,657	932

PUBLIC EDUCATION



The State Fire Marshal's Office has an Office that handles Public Education and Community Risk Reduction.

What is Public Education?

We can all help make the world a safer place by learning more about how and why fires start. The Alabama Fire Marshal's Office gives consumer-friendly safety tips on a wide range of timely and important topics - everything you need to know to keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe from fire and related hazards.

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 annually and creating and practicing a fire escape plan.

Strategies are integrated throughout our programs to reach those at highest risk including young children, older adults, people in low-income communities, and people with disabilities.

During 2021, the Alabama Fire Marshal's Office was involved in several events to share safety information. These events ranged from adult daycares, city council meetings, volunteer fire departments, youth camps, the Alabama State Fair, private corporations, and many Be Ready Days where the communities come out to the events to get information about what the local community has to offer in life safety and being prepared.

While taking part in these events, the Alabama Fire Marshal's Office gives a forty-five-minute Power Point Presentations, hands-outs of different topics, and specialty items with safety messages. The Power Points are geared towards fire safety inside the homes. Some of the topics or checking smoke alarms, space heater safety, electrical safety, extension cords, and always know two ways out. The hand-outs are for the people to take home and read about the information that was given during the Power Point. The specialty items are stress balls, wrist bands, 12-inch rulers, oven mitts, hand fans, suckers, pencils, and many others that have various life safety messages.

What is Community Risk Reduction (CRR)?

According to NFPA 1300, *Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development*, CRR is a process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by the integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact. In other words, it is a process to help communities find out what their risks are and develop a plan to reduce the risks viewed as high priority.

The steps involved in CRR are conducting a Community Risk Assessment (CRA), developing a CRR plan, implementing the plan, and evaluating the plan.

Community Risk Assessment (CRA)

A CRA is a comprehensive evaluation that identifies, prioritizes, and defines the risks that pertain to the overall community. The CRA informs the CRR plan and results in a full understanding of the community's unique risks, capabilities, and characteristics related to the following profiles:

- Building stock
- Community service organizations
- Demographics
- Economics
- Geography
- Hazards
- Past loss & event history
- Public safety response agencies
- Critical infrastructure systems

Given a CRA's broad nature, it is important to collaborate with stakeholders to gain this comprehensive understanding about each of these profiles.

Who's Who in CRR?

Stakeholder: Any individual, group, or organization that might affect or be affected by the CRA or the CRR plan, for example community members, first responders, and city planners

Partner: Party with which an agreement is reached for sharing of physical, financial, and/or intellectual resources in achievement of defined common objectives, such as insurance providers, elder services, and big box retailers

CRR committee: The group of people or organizations responsible for developing the CRR plan

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