

*2022 ANNUAL
REPORT
STATE FIRE
MARSHAL'S OFFICE*

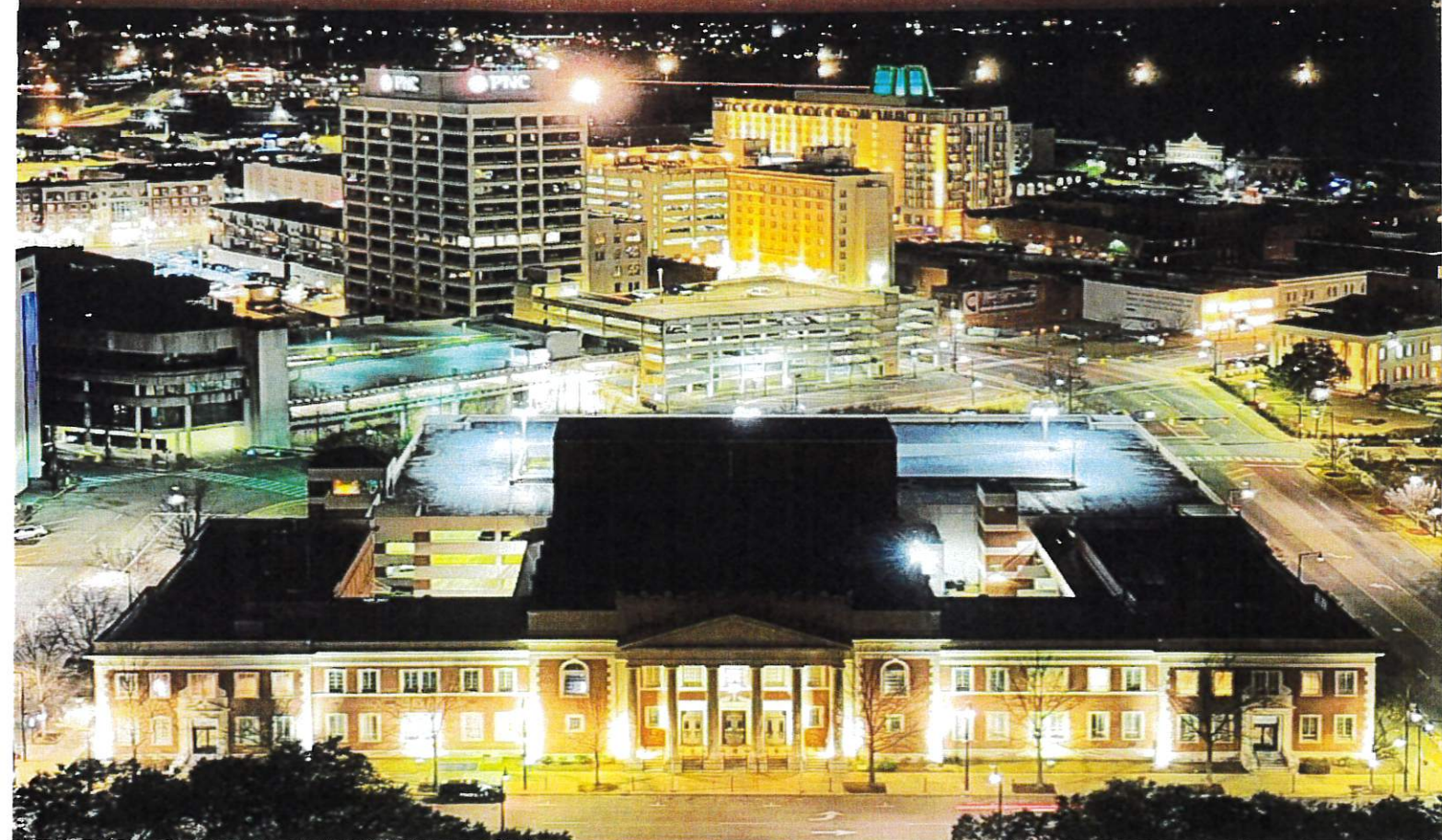


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INTRODUCTION

The 2022 Annual Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office is submitted by State Fire Marshal, Scott F. Pilgrien in compliance with Section 36-19-26, Code of Alabama, 1975.

In 2022, the State Fire Marshal's Office had a staff of thirty-five (35) law enforcement officers. This includes thirteen (13) Deputy Fire Marshals and ten (10) Special Agents assigned to the Arson/Code Bureau. In addition, there are three (3) Fraud Investigators and seven (7) Special Agents assigned to the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. The balance of the law enforcement staff includes one Assistant State Fire Marshal and State Fire Marshal. The Administrative Staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the ALDOI Fraud Bureau include one Departmental Operational Specialist and six Administrative Support Assistants.

In 2022, the State Fire Marshal's Office conducted five hundred forty-three (543) structure fire and/or explosion investigations. These investigations resulted in fifty-one (51) 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 eight hundred eighty (1,880) inspections were conducted in 2022. 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 2022 totaled one hundred eight (108). 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 need this protection.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to protect the public by deterring the commission of arson, insurance fraud, and related crimes by providing community risk reduction education, inspection services, conducting criminal investigations of fires, explosions, and insurance fraud. We actively seek criminal indictments, make arrests, and assist in prosecutions in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of Alabama providing a safe environment in which to live, work and play. The ALDOI CID achieves this mission by actively working in communities across the state and supporting our fire and law enforcement partners.

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, Assistant State Fire Marshal Mark Drinkard and Departmental Operations Specialist (Office Manager) Mable Thompson. Additionally, the division is staffed as follows; thirteen Deputy Fire Marshals and ten Special Agents in the Arson/Code Bureau, there are three Fraud Investigators and seven Special Agents in the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. Also, the CID Division has six Administrative Support Assistants. 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.

Director/State Fire Marshal



Scott Pilgreen

Assistant State Fire Marshal



Mark Drinkard
Arson/Code Bureau



K9 JIMPY



Mable L. Thompson
Departmental
Operations Specialist



Chalita Thornton, ASA III
Blasters & Contractors Permit
Fireworks Public Display /Close
Proximate



Angie Shires , ASA III
Fraud Records Intake
Coordinator



Lecie Thompson , ASA III
Pyro Technician Permits
Cigarette Propensity
Investigative Reports



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



Jessica Barfield , ASA I
Investigative Records
Procurement
Coordinator



Tekeria Davison, ASA I
Receptionist
Office Supply Procurement
Coordinator

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 2022 calendar year, over six hundred and forty-two (642) fire departments out of 1,191 fire departments have activated the electronic reporting account to the system. More than three hundred and ninety-eight (398) departments submitted data to the system in 2022. 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 2022 more than 1200 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 ENFIRS 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 NFIRS, 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 origin and cause of fires. 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.

Alabama Fraud Bureau

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, 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 2022, 237 complaints were assigned for investigation; 26 investigations concluded in arrest by our agency. Fraud investigations were conducted in 54 of the 67 Alabama counties. Mobile County was the highest reporting area with 46 investigations or 19% of the 237. Jefferson followed with 36 cases or 15% assigned cases.**



Alabama Fraud Bureau Investigative Regions

2022 FRAUD CASES

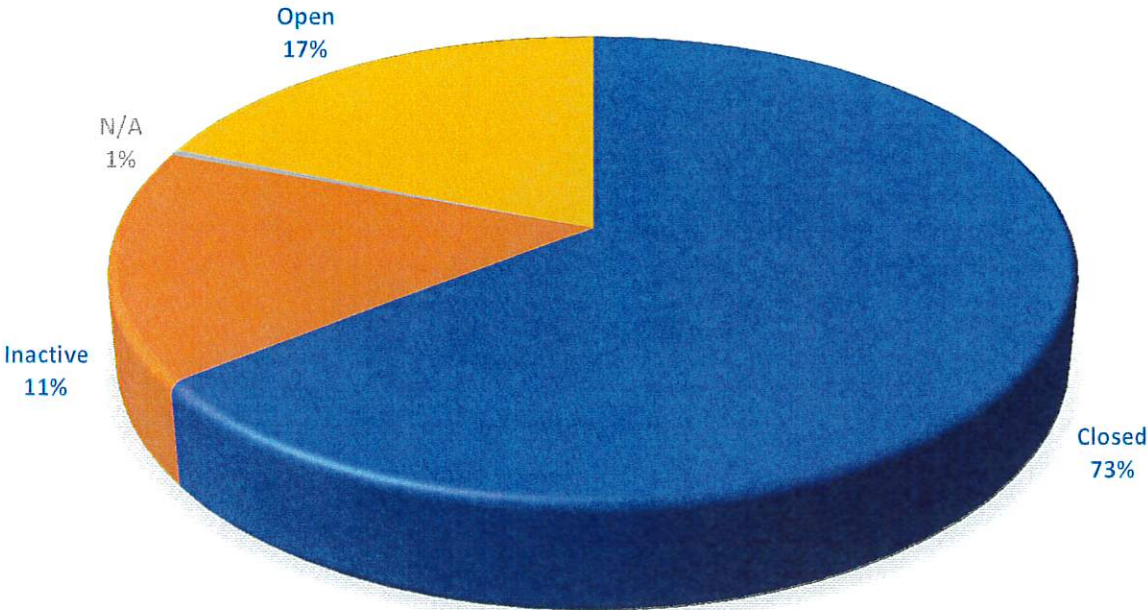
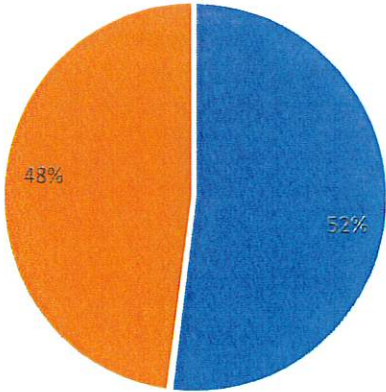


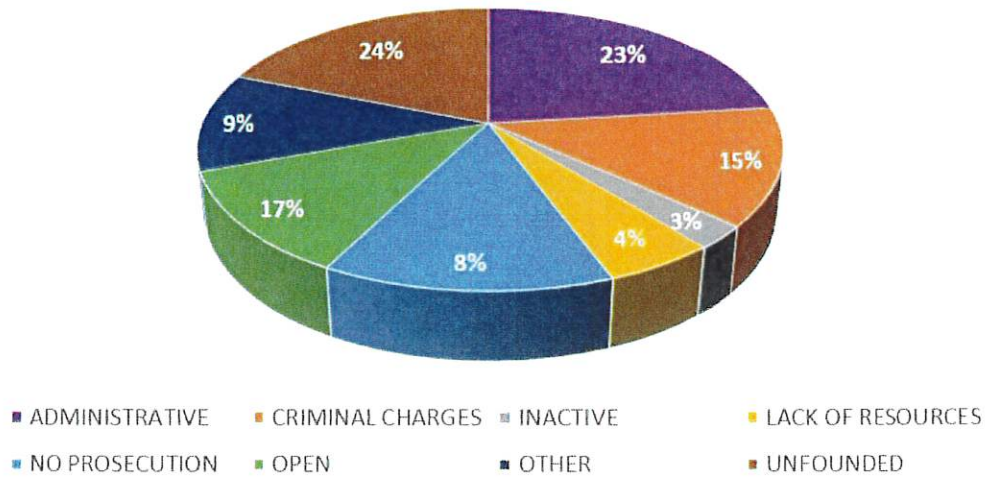
Figure 1: TOTAL CASES : 237

Case Reporter



■ Citizen ■ Insurance Company

CASE STATUS 2022



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

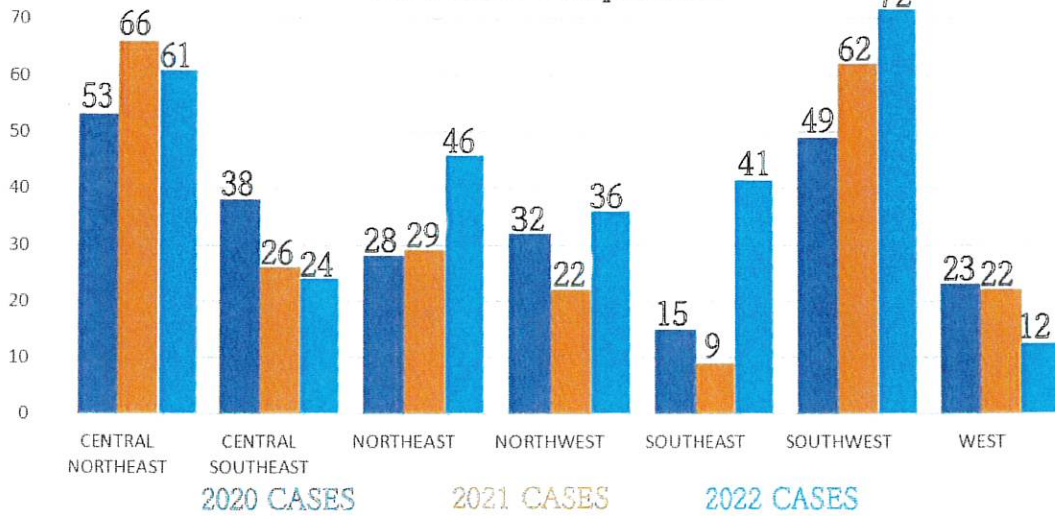
Administrative: Cases closed by decisions of the department in the best interest of the victim, witnesses or the department; this also includes complaints closed but referred for insurance regulatory review or sanctions

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

Investigations by State Regions 2020-2022 Comparisons

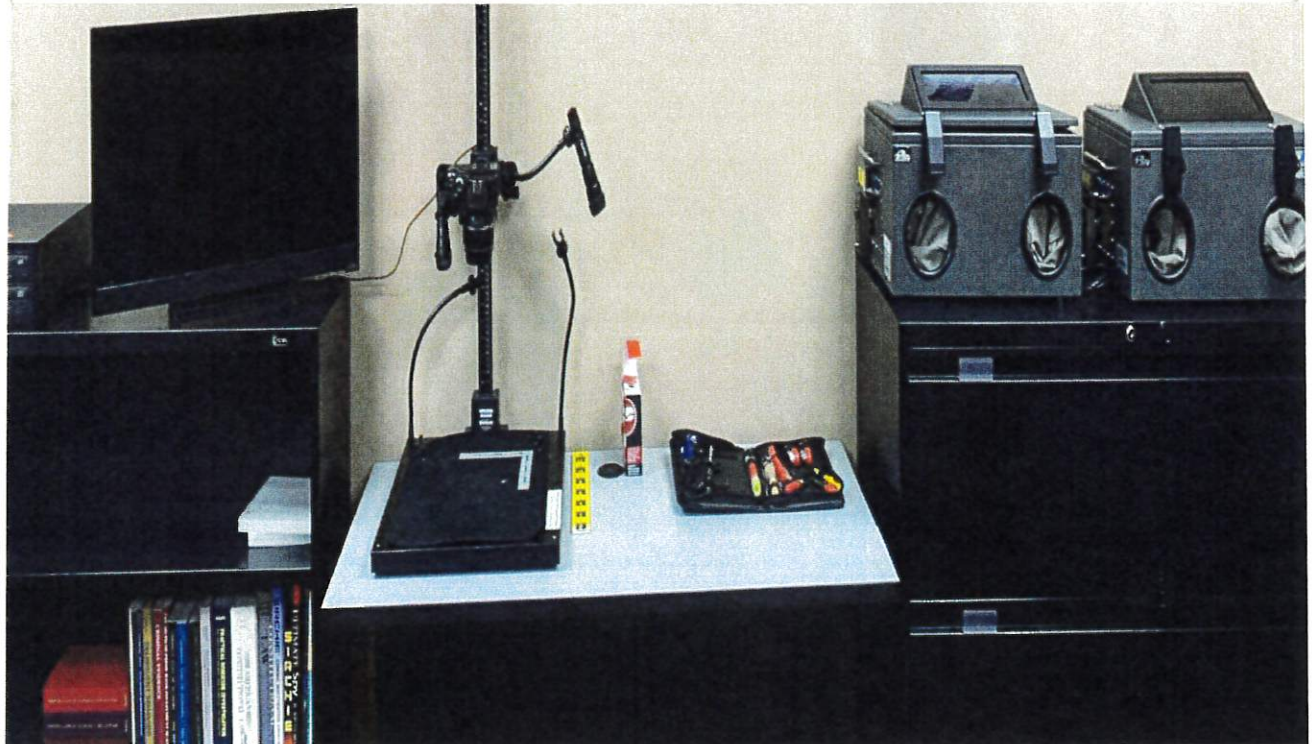


The bureau has the resources of Forensic Computer and Electronic Analysis functions. Through the cooperative efforts between the Department of Insurance and the Jacksonville State University Center for Applied Forensics, two of our fraud investigators conduct insurance fraud related forensic electronic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



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

CENTER FOR APPLIED FORENSICS



DIGITAL FORENSIC EVIDENCE STATS

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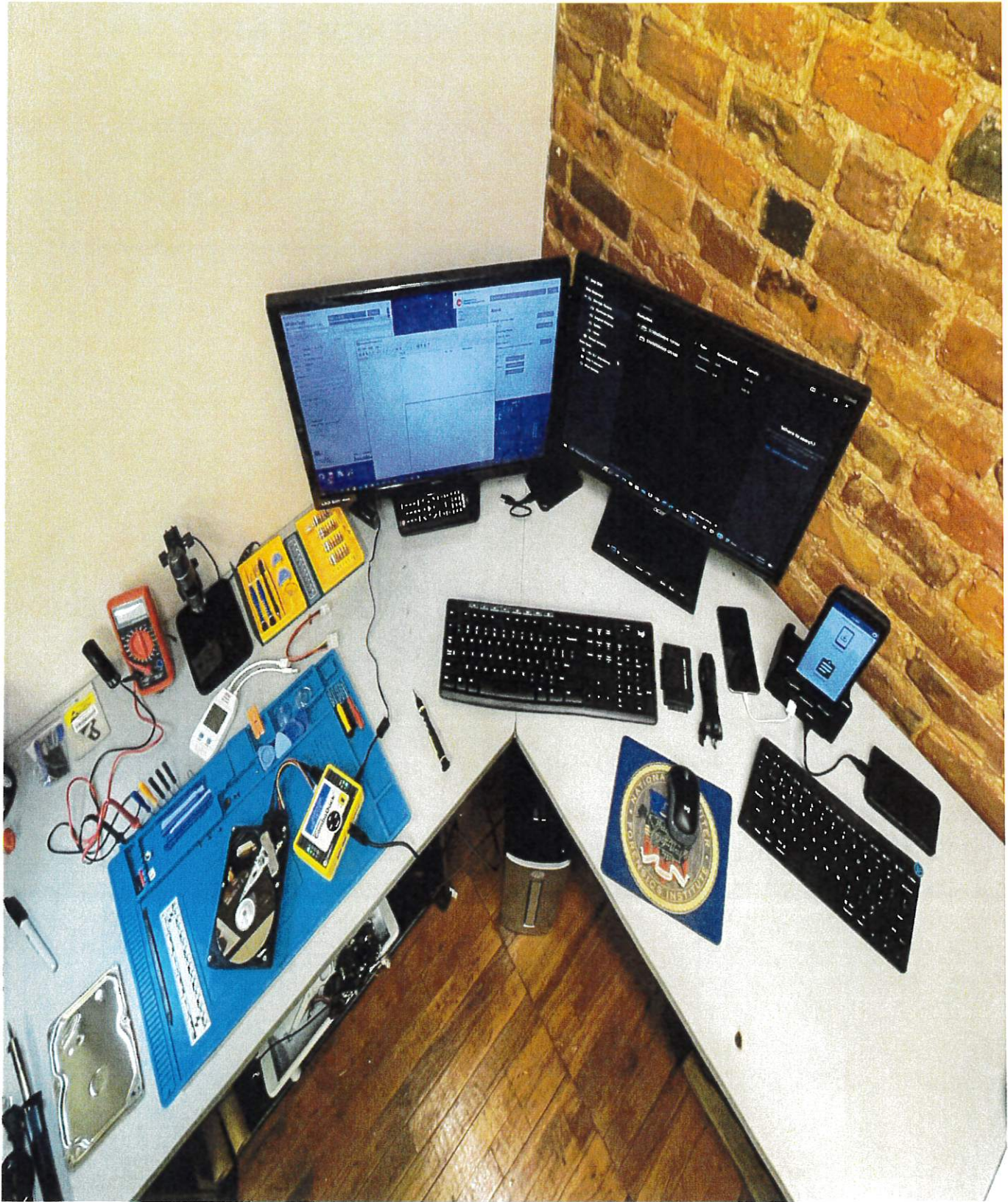


January 2022- December 2022

DIGITAL ANALYSIS STATS

Agencies Assisted	16
Criminal Cases Assisted	15
Computer / DVR's Analyzed	6
Volume Examined	23.5 TB
Cell Phone Analysis	19
Volume Examined	875 GB
Loose Media/Mass Storage Analyzed	4
Volume Examined	6.0 TB
TOTAL VOLUME ANALYZED	31.32 TB

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STATISTICS



FIRE SPRINKLER STATISTICS

MONEY COLLECTED				
		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
FIRE SPRINKLER		\$24,720	\$24,000	
PERMITS ISSUED		206	200	

FIRE PUMP STATISTICS

MONEY COLLECTED			
		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
FIRE PUMPS		\$22,200	\$15,840
PERMITS ISSUED		185	132

CONTRACTOR & BLASTER STATISTICS

MONEY COLLECTED			
		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
CONTRACTORS		\$90,480	\$95,040
BLASTERS		21,768	24,684
TOTAL		112,248	119,724
TOTAL PERMITS		208	223

FIREWORKS STATISTICS

MONEY COLLECTED

			2021	2022
DISTRIBUTOR			\$ 60,000.00	\$ 66,000.00
MANUFACTURER			12,600	12,000
WHOLESALE			8,400	9,000
SEASONAL RETAILER -SR2			56,880	77,700
SEASONAL RETAILER -SR1			8,970	8,850
RETAIL			91,860	111,490
PUBLIC DISPLAY			22,005	24,750
PUBLIC DISPLAY/CLOSE PROX PERMITS				5,400
CLOSE PROXIMITY			10,815	20,325
TOTALS MONEY COLLECTED			\$ 271,530.00	\$ 335,515.00
PERMITS ISSUED			1096	1200

FIRE ALARM STATISTICS

MONEY COLLECTED

			<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
FIRE ALARMS			\$30,239	\$32,186
PERMITS ISSUE			248	263

CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPENSITY STATISTICS

Money Collected

			<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Money Collected</u>			\$77,990	\$20,570
<u>Total Permits Issued</u>			19	12

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	100	Total
2021	6	3	0	4	8	7	21	18	18	13	1	0	99
2022	5	2	2	7	10	19	17	16	18	9	3	0	108

FATALITY BY RACE AND GENDER

FATALITY BY RACE

	2021	2022
Asian	2	0
Black	39	25
White	58	81
Hispanic	0	2
TOTAL	99	108

FATALITY BY GENDER

	2021	2022
Male	57	71
Female	42	37
TOTAL	99	108

FATALITY BY MONTH

	2021	2022
JANUARY	10	13
FEBRUARY	27	9
MARCH	7	12
APRIL	7	3
MAY	6	11
JUNE	1	13
JULY	5	8
AUGUST	5	8
SEPTEMBER	11	3
OCTOBER	4	10
NOVEMBER	8	11
DECEMBER	8	7
	99	108

FATALITY BY CAUSES

	2021	2022
Accidental	15	7
Arson by Fire	3	6
Child Playing w/Lightner		3
Cooking	6	2
Combustible Too Close to Natural Gas Heating Equip		3
Electric-Central Furnace		1
Electric-Portable Heaters		3
Electric Stove/Oven-Left Unattended		1
Electrical	4	
Exposure Fire		1
Equipment/Appliance-Permanent-Interior		1
Equipment/Appliance-Temporary-Interior		3
Heating	5	1
Homicide-Arson by Fire		2
Improper Use of Flammable Liquid		1
Miscellaneous	9	
Misuse of Smoking Materials (included Discarded)		3
None Criminal		4
Other	3	3
Suicide by Fire	0	1
Unattended Candle/Other Auxilliary Lighting		1
Uncontrolled Open Burning		2
Undetermined	53	56
Undetermined-Not Suspicious		2
Wiring-Permanent-Exterior	0	1
Weather	1	
Wood Heater		2
Total:	99	108

FATALITY BY COUNTIES

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Autauga	0	2	Houston	0	2
Baldwin	2	4	Jackson	3	1
Barbour	0	3	Jefferson	12	12
Bibb	1	0	Lamar	2	0
Blount	1	0	Lauderdale	2	5
Bullock	0	0	Lawrence	2	0
Butler	0	0	Lee	0	0
Calhoun	1	5	Limestone	2	2
Chambers	0	0	Lowndes	0	1
Cherokee	2	2	Macon	0	0
Chilton	0	1	Madison	8	4
Choctaw	0	0	Marengo	2	0
Clarke	1	1	Marion	1	0
Clay	1	1	Marshall	2	1
Cleburne	1	0	Mobile	7	12
Coffee	0	0	Monroe	1	0
Colbert	3	2	Montgomery	7	4
Conecuh	1	0	Morgan	1	3
Coosa	0	0	Perry	0	0
Covington	1	3	Picken	1	3
Crenshaw	1	0	Pike	1	0
Cullman	0	1	Randolph	0	1
Dale	1	1	Russell	3	3
Dallas	0	5	Shelby	1	2
Dekalb	4	1	St. Clair	2	4
Elmore	2	1	Sumpter	1	0
Escambia	2	2	Talladega	6	1
Etowah	0	2	Tallapoosa	2	1
Fayette	0	0	Tuscaloosa	0	0
Franklin	0	2	Walker	2	2
Geneva	0	1	Washington	1	0
Greene	0	0	Wilcox	0	0
Hale	1	0	Winston	1	3
Henry	0	1	Grand Total:	99	108

INVESTIGATIONS



CLASSIFICATIONS OF INVESTIGATIONS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
ARSON\INTENTIONAL	164	160
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	28	20
ADVERSE WEATHER	7	0
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM	0	0
LIQUID PETROLIEUM GAS SYSTEM	2	1
HEATING EQUIPMENT	10	7
COOKING EQUIPMENT	7	8
MISCELLANEOUS	26	40
PORTABLE APPLIANCES	0	0
OTHER CRIMINAL\NON CRIMINAL	25	34
UNKNOWN\UNDETERMINED	259	273
TOTAL	528	543

CASES BY PROPERTY TYPES

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assembly	14	16
Business	6	15
Detention	1	0
Educational	4	6
Health Care	2	0
Industrial	8	9
Mercantile	12	5
Motor Vehicle	15	22
Other	61	68
Residential	405	402
Total:	528	543

INVESTIGATIONS BY COUNTY

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>Autauga</i>	15	8	<i>Henry</i>	2	4
<i>Baldwin</i>	14	13	<i>Houston</i>	4	3
<i>Barbour</i>	13	14	<i>Jackson</i>	9	10
<i>Bibb</i>	5	3	<i>Jefferson</i>	17	23
<i>Blount</i>	12	11	<i>Lamar</i>	20	4
<i>Bullock</i>	2	6	<i>Lauderdale</i>	6	8
<i>Butler</i>	2	2	<i>Lawrence</i>	10	2
<i>Calhoun</i>	9	22	<i>Lee</i>	15	9
<i>Chambers</i>	4	4	<i>Limestone</i>	4	5
<i>Cherokee</i>	5	6	<i>Lowndes</i>	4	3
<i>Chilton</i>	11	10	<i>Macon</i>	8	4
<i>Choctaw</i>	6	0	<i>Madison</i>	13	22
<i>Clarke</i>	5	3	<i>Marengo</i>	2	1
<i>Clay</i>	3	12	<i>Marion</i>	9	9
<i>Cleburne</i>	7	7	<i>Marshall</i>	12	15
<i>Coffee</i>	13	9	<i>Mobile</i>	11	40
<i>Colbert</i>	11	13	<i>Monroe</i>	5	1
<i>Conecuh</i>	3	2	<i>Montgomery</i>	8	8
<i>Coosa</i>	4	1	<i>Morgan</i>	3	5
<i>Covington</i>	8	10	<i>Perry</i>	4	3
<i>Crenshaw</i>	2	2	<i>Pickens</i>	2	2
<i>Cullman</i>	6	11	<i>Pike</i>	5	2
<i>Dale</i>	7	9	<i>Randolph</i>	5	4
<i>Dallas</i>	5	5	<i>Russell</i>	12	8
<i>Dekalb</i>	13	4	<i>Shelby</i>	4	23
<i>Elmore</i>	20	9	<i>St. Clair</i>	5	16
<i>Escambia</i>	9	11	<i>Sumpter</i>	2	0
<i>Etowah</i>	3	6	<i>Talladega</i>	20	13
<i>Fayette</i>	4	2	<i>Tallapoosa</i>	6	1
<i>Franklin</i>	2	7	<i>Tuscaloosa</i>	2	7
<i>Geneva</i>	20	9	<i>Walker</i>	33	36
<i>Greene</i>	3	1	<i>Washington</i>	4	4
<i>Hale</i>	1	1	<i>Wilcox</i>	4	4
			<i>Winston</i>	11	11
			Total:	528	543

Total Cases by Requestor Type		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
911 Center	16	12
Citizen	9	18
Fire Department	243	280
Government Official	8	12
Insurance Industry	2	3
Occupant	3	2
Police Department	63	51
Property Owner	21	21
Sheriffs Department	135	116
State Fire Marshals Office	28	28
Total:	528	543

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OTHERS IN MANHOURS

	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>ALLEAPS</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>CFAF</i>		<i>28</i>
<i>Cellular Mapping and Analysis</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>Deputy Fire Marshal</i>	<i>1168</i>	<i>638</i>
<i>Digital Forensics</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Drone Training</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Drone Use/Response</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>Faro Response</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Faro Training</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fire Department</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Follow-Up</i>	<i>584</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>K9 Response</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Law Enforcement Agency</i>	<i>435</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>NFIRS</i>		
<i>Polygraph (Other Agency)</i>	<i>754</i>	<i>904</i>
<i>Polygraph DSFM</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Polygraph Refuse</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Polygraph Response</i>		
<i>Public Education</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Trailer Response</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>152</i>
<i>Grand Total:</i>	<i>3,826</i>	<i>2,171</i>

<i>ARREST/CHARGES</i>		
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>
Aggravated Stalking	0	1
Arson 1st Degree	11	12
Arson 2nd Degree	29	14
Arson 3rd Degree	0	3
Attempted Murder	5	1
Bail Jumping 2nd Degree	1	0
Burglary 2nd Degree	2	0
Burglary 3rd Degree	2	4
Burning without a permit (Forestry)	0	1
Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess Pistol	1	0
Capital Murder	0	0
Criminal Mischief 1st Degree	1	2
Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree	0	2
Domestic Violence 1st Degree	1	0
Escape 3rd Degree	0	1
Failure to Appear (FTA) Alias Warrant	0	1
Fireworks Permit Violation	1	0
Forgery 2nd Degree	0	1
Insurance Fraud 1st	3	0
Intentional Burning of Woodlands	9	0
Obstructing Gov't Operations	0	0
Possession of a Short Barrel Shotgun	0	0
Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia	0	1
Possession of Explosive Devices	0	0
Possession or Receipt of a Controlled Substance	2	1
Public Intoxication	0	1
Resisting Arrest	0	1
Terrorist Threat	1	0
Terroristic Threat	4	0
Theft of Property 1st Degree	0	0
Theft of Property 2nd Degree	0	0
Theft of Property 4th Degree	0	1
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 1st Degree	0	0
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 2nd Degree	0	0
Unlawful Possession, Receipt of a Controlled Substance	0	1
Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	0
Willfully Setting Grass Fires	0	1
Woodlands Arson	2	1
Total Charges:	75	51

INSPECTIONS



INSPECTIONS (CODEPAL) BY COUNTIES

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Autauga</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>Jackson</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Baldwin</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>57</u>		<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Barbour</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>		<u>Lamar</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Bibb</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>Lauderdale</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Blount</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>Lawrence</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Bullock</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Lee</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Butler</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>Limestone</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Calhoun</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>Lowndes</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Chambers</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>Macon</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Cherokee</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Madison</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Chilton</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>Marengo</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Choctaw</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>Marion</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Clarke</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Marshall</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Clay</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Mobile</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>Cleburne</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>Monroe</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Coffee</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>Montgomery</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Colbert</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Morgan</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Conecuh</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Perry</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Coosa</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Pickens</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Covington</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Pike</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Crenshaw</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Randolph</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Cullman</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>Russell</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Dale</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>Shelby</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Dallas</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>St. Clair</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Dekalb</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Sumter</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Elmore</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>Talladega</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Escambia</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>Tallapoosa</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Etowah</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>Tuscaloosa</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Fayette</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>Walker</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>Franklin</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>Washington</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Geneva</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>Wilcox</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Greene</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Winston</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Hale</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>				
<u>Henry</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>				
<u>Houston</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>		<u>Grand Total:</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>680</u>

<u>INSPECTIONS BY OCCUPANCY TYPE</u>			
		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSEMBLY		130	110
BUSINESS		31	46
FACTORY		3	5
FIREWORKS		1096	1155
EDUCATIONAL/DAYCARE/LEARNING CTR		294	192
HAZARD		3	7
HOME DAYCARE		0	1
INDUSTRIAL		3	0
INSTITUTIONAL		128	134
MERCANTILE		44	64
OTHER		0	65
RESIDENTIAL		27	54
STORAGE		2	1
UTILITY		1	1
GRAND TOTAL		1762	1835

FIREWORKS INSPECTIONS BY COUNTIES

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Autauga	6	7	Jackson	11	14
Baldwin	29	83	Jefferson	80	149
Barbour	2	3	Lamar	1	1
Bibb	3	5	Lauderdale	17	34
Blount	13	16	Lawrence	13	7
Bullock	1	1	Lee	14	33
Butler	3	5	Limestone	11	12
Calhoun	25	31	Lowndes	0	0
Chambers	2	4	Macon	1	2
Cherokee	13	10	Madison	49	111
Chilton	12	12	Marengo	6	10
Choctaw	4	5	Marion	6	9
Clarke	5	9	Marshall	16	23
Clay	2	3	Mobile	49	58
Cleburne	7	8	Monroe	4	3
Coffee	2	5	Montgomery	6	29
Colbert	12	15	Morgan	19	29
Conecuh	3	4	Perry	4	2
Coosa	0	0	Pickens	3	2
Covington	12	13	Pike	6	12
Crenshaw	2	3	Randolph	7	6
Cullman	21	31	Russell	6	4
Dale	6	6	Shelby	33	41
Dallas	7	8	St. Clair	21	29
Dekalb	18	26	Sumter	1	3
Elmore	17	20	Talladega	16	23
Escambia	3	9	Tallapoosa	13	12
Etowah	22	20	Tuscaloosa	33	46
Fayette	3	3	Walker	13	14
Franklin	8	10	Washington	2	3
Geneva	8	7	Wilcox	1	1
Greene	3	2	Winston	7	10
Hale	4	1	Out of State	23	24
Henry	1	1			
Houston	16	13	Grand Total:	764	1155

PUBLIC EDUCATION



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

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 2022, 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 PowerPoint Presentations, hands-outs of different topics, and specialty items with safety messages. The PowerPoints are geared towards fire safety inside the homes. Some of the topics are 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.