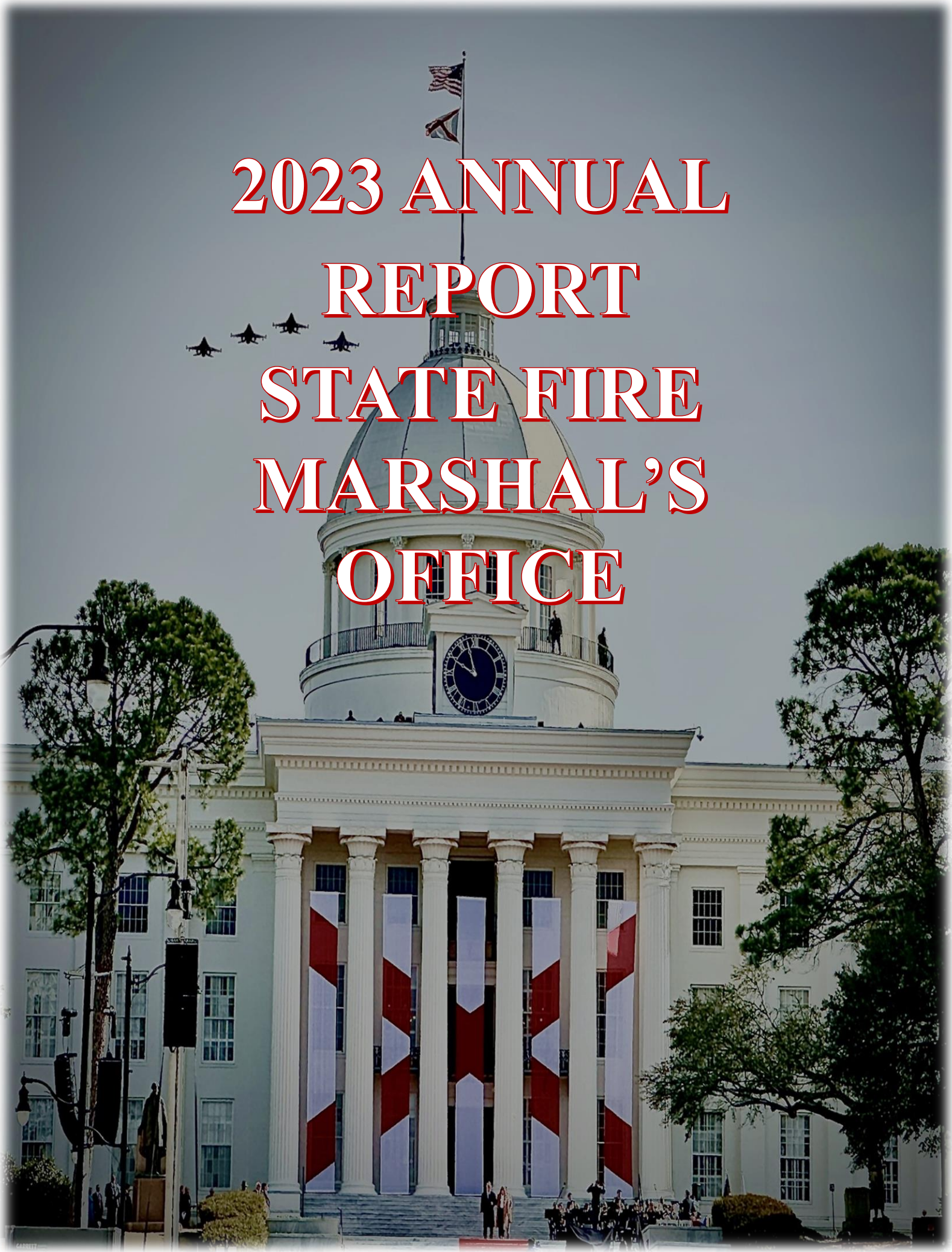

2023 ANNUAL REPORT STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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Introduction

The 2023 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 2023, the State Fire Marshal's Office had a total staff of forty-six (46) personnel. This number includes thirty-seven (37) law enforcement officers. There are sixteen (16) Deputy Fire Marshals and nine (9) Special Agents assigned to the Arson Bureau. In addition, there are five (5) Fraud Investigators and five (5) Special Agents assigned to the ALDOl Criminal Fraud Bureau. The balance of the law enforcement staff includes two Assistant State Fire Marshals and The State Fire Marshal. This year brought the establishment of a Code Bureau which currently has a staff of two (2) Building Construction Specialists. The Administrative Staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the ALDOl Fraud Bureau include one Departmental Operational Specialist and six Administrative Support Assistants.

In 2023, the State Fire Marshal's Office Arson Bureau conducted four hundred ninety-seven (497) structure fire and/or explosion investigations, the Fraud Bureau conducted… These investigations resulted in ninety-four (94) arrests for a variety of criminal offenses which include but are not limited to the following: arson, insurance fraud, drug related offenses, capital murder, etc.

Additionally, the Code and Arson Bureaus are tasked with enforcing the building and fire codes adopted by the state. Both bureaus conducted a total of one thousand seven hundred forty-seven (1,747) inspections throughout the state in 2023.

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 compliant or request while others were prerequisite before a permit being issued by the office.

Fire fatalities in 2023 totaled ninety-six (96). This represents an 11% decrease from the previous year. The State Fire Marshal’s Office continues in its efforts to raise public awareness through public education to combat this problem. It is crucial that the awareness of the public is heightened 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’s “Get Alarmed Alabama” program to provide battery powered smoke alarms to the Citizens of Alabama. The alarms are distributed with assistance from the fire departments in the 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 Mark Fowler. Commissioner Fowler provides the resources for the SFMO to accomplish the goals and perform the 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 (retired) 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 The 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 (retired), the division was renamed as the Alabama Department of Insurance (ALDOI) Criminal Investigations Division and restructured to include three bureaus; Arson Bureau, Criminal Fraud Bureau, and Code 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 managed by Director/State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen, Assistant State Fire Marshal's Mark Drinkard, Corey Railey and Departmental Operations Specialist (Office Manager) Mable Thompson. Additionally, the division is staffed as follows; sixteen Deputy Fire Marshals and nine Special Agents in the Arson Bureau, there are five Fraud Investigators and five Special Agents in the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. Also, the Code Bureau has two Building Construction Specialist (Inspectors), and the CID Division has six Administrative Support Assistants. The Deputy State Fire Marshals, Criminal Fraud Investigators, Special Agents, and Code Inspectors work from field offices throughout the state and are responsible for investigations and inspections in their respective regions.

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 fire 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 Enforcement Agencies, other government entities and the public on issues such as criminal investigations, building/fire code interpretation and fire safety/prevention education.

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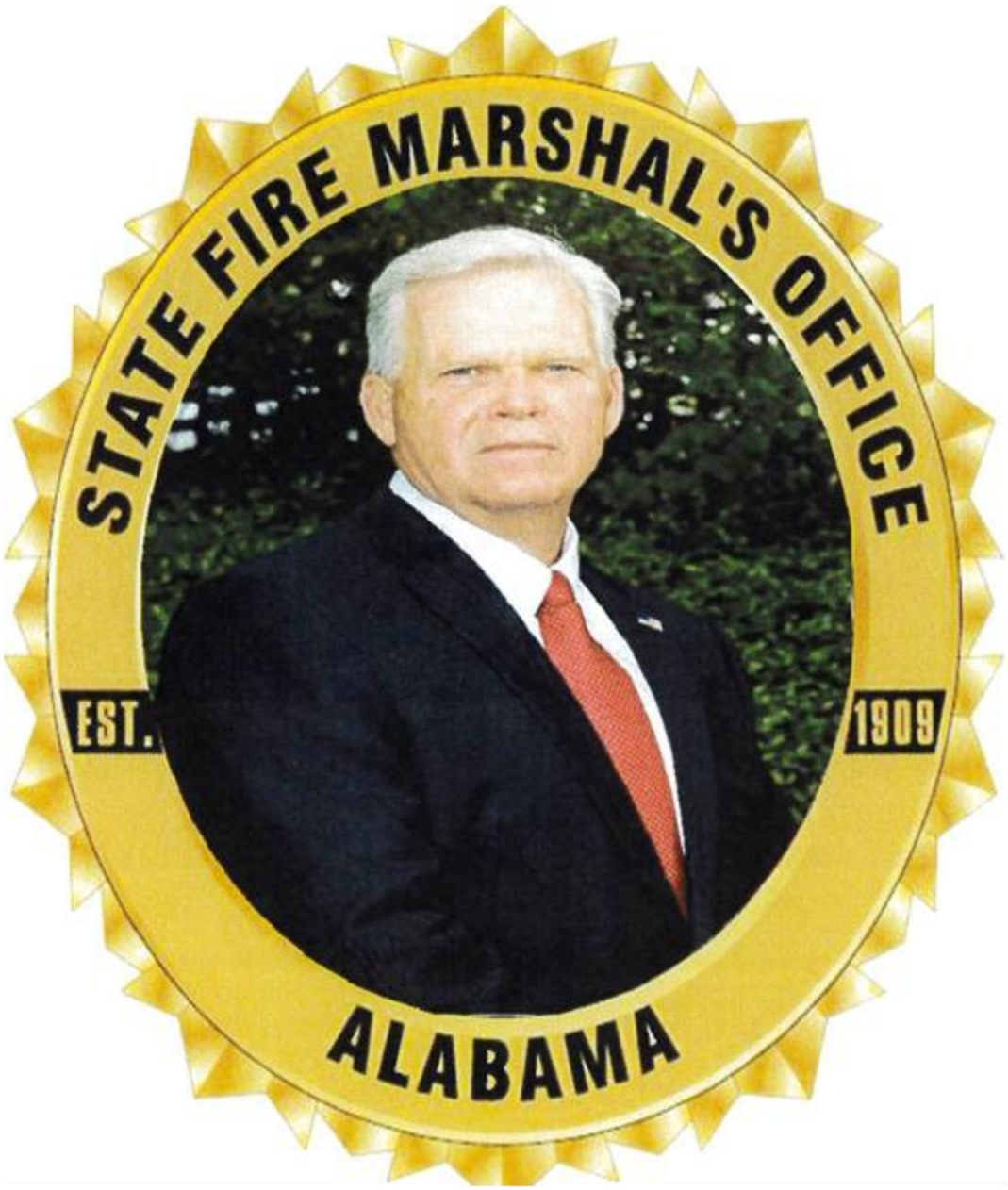
Director/State Fire Marshal



Scott Pilgreen

Assistant State Fire Marshal

Mark Drinkard

Arson/Code Bureau

Assistant State Fire Marshal

Corey Railey

Fraud Bureau

K9 Jimpy

K9 Gus

Mable L. Thompson

Departmental Operational Specialist

Chalita Thornton, ASA III

Blaster & Contractors Permits

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 II

Investigative Records

Procurement Coordinator

Ann-Ware Knockemus, Clerk

Receptionist

Office Supply Procurement Coordinator

Alabama Fire Incident Reporting System

(AFIRS)

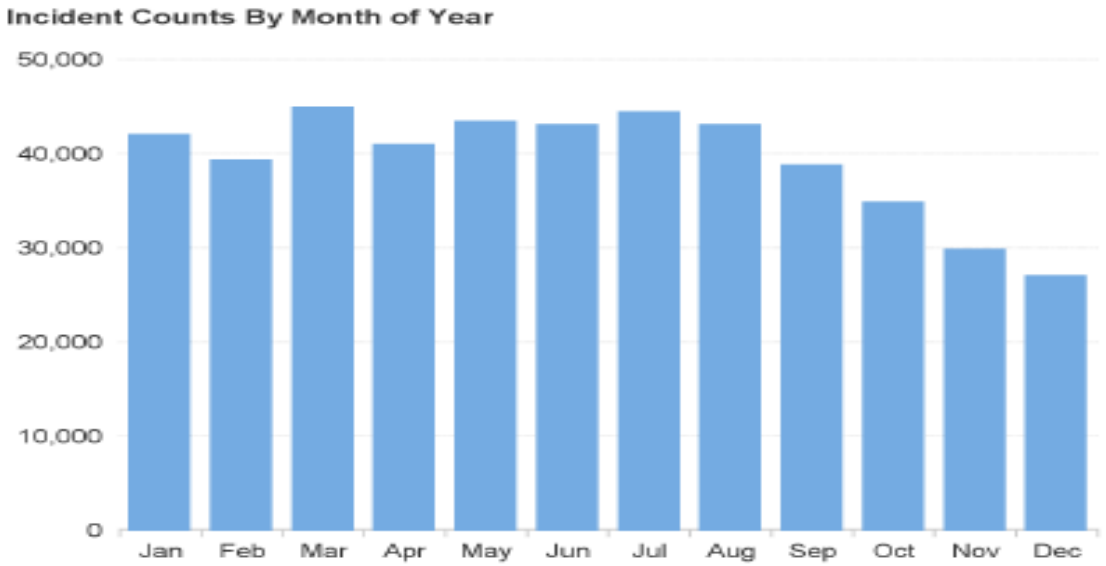
Alabama Fire Incident Reporting System (AFIRS)

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 authorized the National Fire Data Center in the United States Fire Administration (USFA) to gather and analyze information on the magnitude of the Nation's fire problem. 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 recognizes the importance and benefits of reliable statistical data and encourages fire departments to submit data. AFIRS is Alabama's segment of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. During the 2022 calendar year, four hundred and ninety-one (491) departments submitted data out of (1,156) fire departments in the state. 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 reporting accounts for departments and provides support services. In 2022, more than 1500 calls or emails requesting assistance were received from fire departments around the state.

The AFIRS Program's mission is to serve local fire departments by providing training, analysis, account assistance, and reporting assistance to meet the goals set forth by the United States Fire Administration (USFA), Alabama State Fire Marshal, and the local departments. The fire departments can meet the community's safety needs with better-quality data. Reporting to NFIRS is required by the Alabama Code (Title 36 Chapter 19 Section 6) that all fires must be reported to the Alabama State Fire Marshal’s Office. Our office is available to help with any department that requests assistance. Assistance is first attempted over the telephone and personal visits for more complex problems.

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 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. Providing data allows fire departments to apply for and receive grant funding, improve budget and resource allocations, recruit and retain fire service personnel, and create assessments to reduce risks in their communities.



Total Fire Departments	491

Total Incident Reports	471,247

Summary By Incident Type Category

Incident Type Category	Total Incidents	Percent	Aid Given	Exposures	Grand Total
Fires (100-173)		4.0%	3,360	113	22,012
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat Calls (200-251)	367	0.1%	9	0	376
Rescue and EMS Calls (300-381)	300,680	65.6%	4,418	0	305,098
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	9,653	2.1%	202	0	9,855
Service Calls (500-571)	45,823	10.0%	772	0	46,595
Good Intent Calls (600-672)	46,330	10.1%	2,972	0	49,302
False Alarm and False Calls (700-751)	33,610	7.3%	547	0	34,157
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	1,786	0.4%	67	0	1,853
Special Incident Type Calls (900-911)	1,564	0.3%	83	0	1,647
Unknown or Not Reported	346	0.1%	1	5	352
Grand Total	458,693	100.0%	12,431	118	471,247

Fraud Bureau

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 the 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 11 criminal investigators, and intake specialist, and is 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 regularly 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 2023, 326 complaints were assigned for investigation. The Bureau's investigations concluded in 73 arrests or other prosecutions by our agency. Fraud investigations were conducted in 52 of the 67 Alabama counties. Jefferson County was the highest reporting area with 55 investigations or 18% of the 326. Montgomery County followed with 36 cases or 11% of assigned cases. The top five counties with the most complaints were Jefferson, Montgomery, Madison, Mobile, and Baldwin County.

ALDOI CID Fraud Bureau

Investigative Regions

2023 Fraud Cases

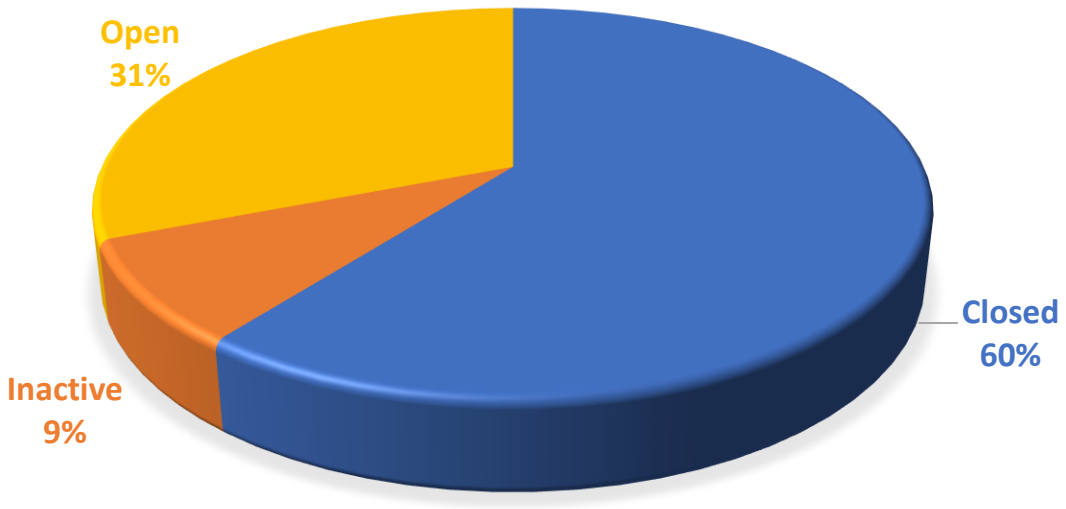
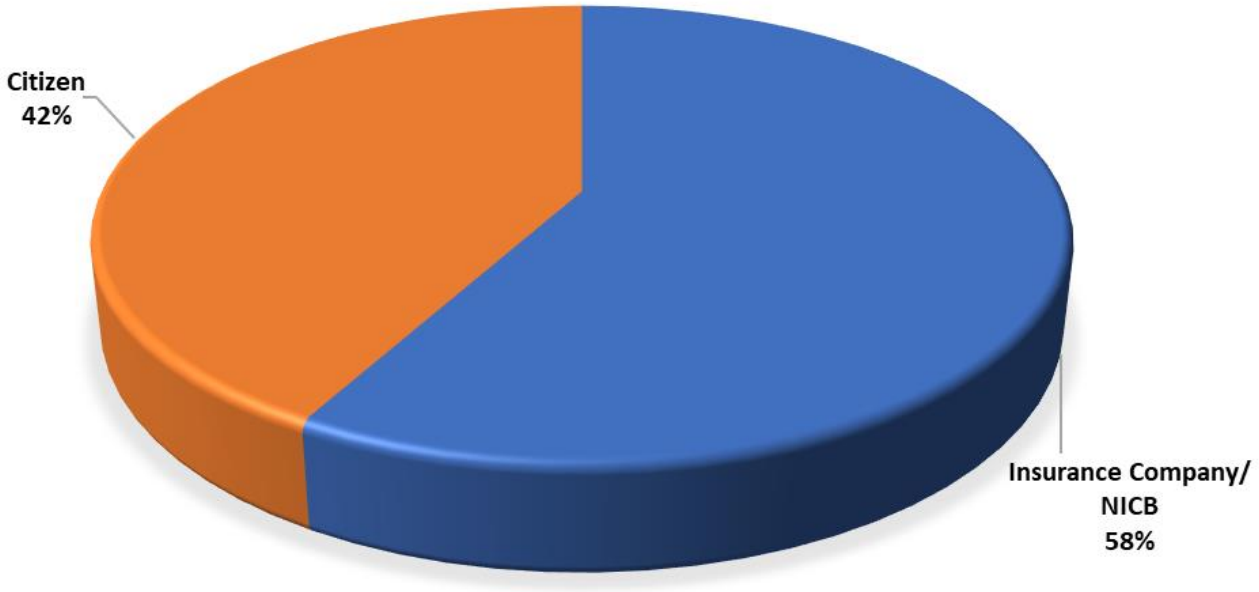


Figure 1: TOTAL CASES: 326

How Cases Were Reported



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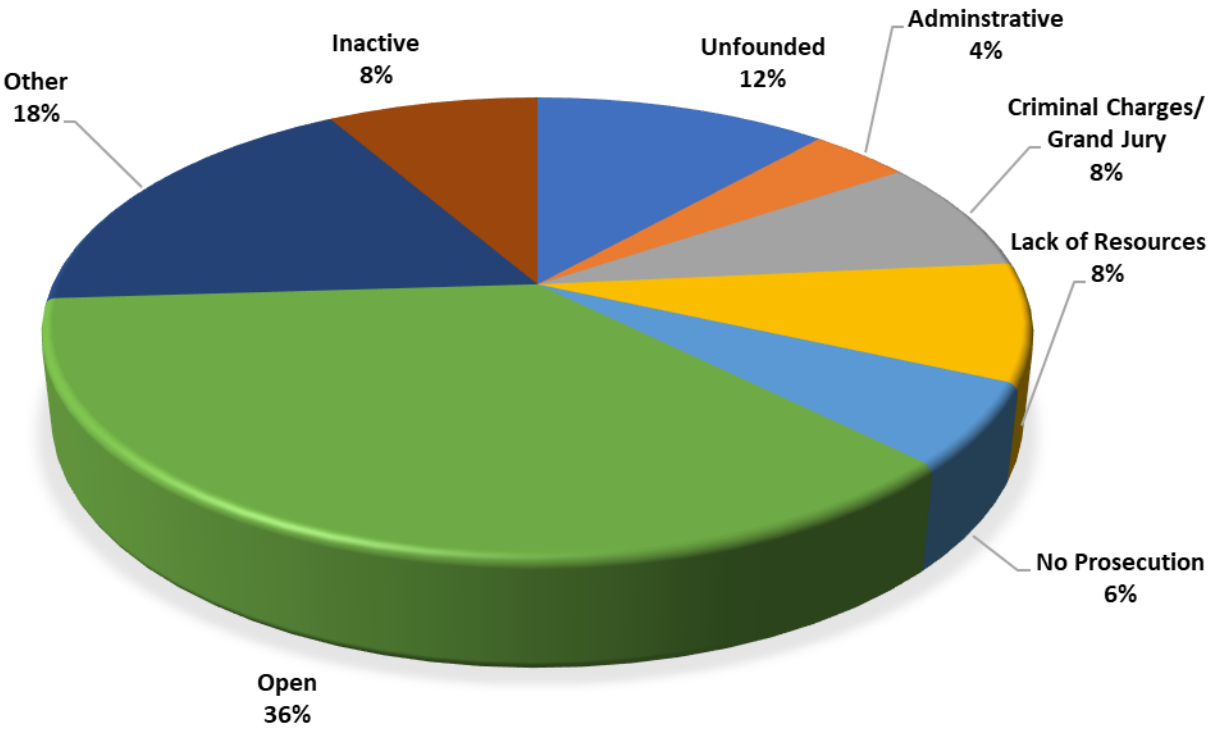

Criminal Charges Pursued: The investigation resulted in criminal charges filed; arrest warrant signed or submitted for Federal or State Grand Jury presentations.

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.

Digital Forensic Device Analysis

The State of Alabama Department of Insurance Criminal Investigations Division has the resources for Forensic Computer and mobile device analysis. 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 and fire-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 – 21
Criminal Cases Assisted – 48
Computer / DVR's Analyzed – 9
Volume Examined – 28.5 TB
Cell Phone Analysis – 25
Volume Examined – 9.2 TB
Loose Media/Mass Storage Analyzed– 5
Volume Examined– 3.5 TB

TOTAL VOLUME ANALYZED 41.2 TB

Statistics

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FIRE SPRINKLER STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2022	2023
FIRE SPRINKLER	$24,000	$24,840
PERMITS ISSUED:	**200**	**207**

FIRE PUMP STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2022	2023
FIRE PUMPS	$15,840	$17,880
PERMITS ISSUED:	**132**	**149**

CONTRACTOR & BLASTER STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2022	2023
CONTRACTORS	$95,040	$92,400
BLASTERS	$24,684	$26,136
TOTAL	$119,724	$118,536
TOTAL PERMITS:	**223**	**233**

FIREWORKS STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2022	2023
CLOSE PROXIMITY	$20,325	$22,350
DISTRIBUTOR	$66,000	$72,000
MANUFACTURER	$12,000	$15,000
PUBLIC DISPLAY	$30,150	$25,875
SEASONAL RETAILER- SR1	$8,850	$8,400
SEASONAL RETAILER- SR2	$77,700	$74,550
RETAIL	$111,490	$121,200
WHOLESALER	$9,000	$9,000
TOTAL MONEY COLLECTED	$335,515	$348,375
PERMITS ISSUED:	**1,200**	**1,224**

FIRE ALARM STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2022	2023
FIRE ALARMS	$32,186	$30,129
PRTMITS ISSUED:	**263**	**244**

CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPERTY STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2022	2023
MONEY COLLECTED	$20,570	$8,470
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED:	**12**	**7**

FATALITY BY AGE

Age	0-5	6-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+	UNKNOWN	Total
2022	5	2	2	7	10	19	17	16	18	9	3	0	0	**108**
2023	4	2	0	5	8	11	18	19	16	10	1	1	1	**96**

FATALITY BY RACE

		2022	2023
ASIAN		0	0
BLACK		25	27
HISPANIC		2	3
WHITE		81	65
UNKNOWN		0	1
TOTAL:		**108**	**96**

FATALITY BY GENDER

		2022	2023
MALE		71	56
FEMALE		37	40
TOTAL:		**108**	**96**

FATALITY BY MONTH

		2022	2023
JANUARY		13	11
FEBRUARY		9	10
MARCH		12	19
APRIL		3	7
MAY		11	17
JUNE		13	5
JULY		8	6
AUGUST		8	3
SEPTEMBER		3	1
OCTOBER		10	3
NOVEMBER		11	4
DECEMBER		7	10
TOTAL:		**108**	**96**

FATALITY BY CAUSE		
	2022	2023
ACCIDENTAL	7	2
ARSON BY FIRE	6	4
CHILD PLAYING W/ LIGHTER	3	0
COOKING	2	7
COMBUSTIBLE TOO CLOSE TO NATURAL GAS HEATING EQUIP	3	0
ELECTRIC-CENTRAL FURNACE	1	0
ELECTRIC-PORTABLE HEATERS	3	0
ELECTRIC STOVE/OVEN-LEFT UNATTENDED	1	0
ELECTRICAL	0	5
EXPOSURE FIRE	1	0
EQUIPMENT/APPLIANCE-PERMANENT-INTERIOR	1	0
EQUIPTMENT/APPLIANCE-TEMPORARY-INTERIOR	3	0
HEATING	1	4
HOMICIDE-ARSON BY FIRE	2	0
IMPROPER USE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUID	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	5
MISUSE OF SMOKING MATERIALS (INCLUDES DISCARDED)	3	0
NATURAL GAS-CENTRA FURNACE	0	0
NATURAL GAS-STOVE/OVEN- LEFT UNATTENDED	0	0
NONE CRIMINAL	4	0
OTHER	3	6
PORTABLE LIQUID FUELED	0	0
SUICIDE BY FIRE	1	0
UNATTENDED CANDLE/OTHER AUXILLIARY LIGHTING	1	0
UNCONTROLLED OPEN BURNING	2	0
UNDETERMINED	56	63
UNDETERMINED-NOT SUSPICIOUS	2	0
WEATHER	0	0
WIRING-PERMANENT-INTERIOR	0	0
WIRING-PERMANENT-EXTERIOR	1	0
WOOD HEATER	2	0
TOTAL:	**108**	**96**

FATALITY BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2022	2023		COUNTY	2022	2023
AUTAUGA	2	0		HOUSTSON	2	3
BALDWIN	4	3		JACKSON	1	0
BARBOUR	3	0		JEFFERSON	12	7
BIBB	0	2		LAMAR	0	1
BLOUNT	0	1		LAUDERDALE	5	3
BULLOCK	0	0		LAWRENCE	0	1
BUTLER	0	0		LEE	0	1
CALHOUN	5	5		LIMESTONE	2	1
CHAMBERS	0	1		LOWNDES	1	0
CHEROKEE	2	1		MACON	0	0
CHILTON	1	0		MADISON	4	5
CHOCTAW	0	1		MARENGO	0	2
CLARKE	1	0		MARION	0	1
CLAY	1	0		MARSHALL	1	2
CLEBURNE	0	0		MOBILE	12	12
COFFEE	0	1		MONROE	0	0
COLBERT	2	2		MONTGOMERY	4	3
CONECUH	0	0		MORGAN	3	1
COOSA	0	1		PERRY	0	2
COVINGTON	3	0		PICKEN	3	0
CRENSHEW	0	0		PIKE	0	0
CULLMAN	1	3		RANDOLPH	1	1
DALE	1	3		RUSSELL	3	3
DALLAS	5	1		SHELBY	2	1
DEKALB	1	2		ST. CLAIR	4	1
ELMORE	1	1		SUMPTER	0	1
ESCAMBIA	2	0		TALLADEGA	1	3
ETOWAH	2	0		TALLAPOOSA	1	3
FAYETTE	0	0		TUSCALOOSA	0	0
FRANKLIN	2	0		WALKER	2	4
GENEVA	1	0		WASHINGTON	0	0
GREENE	0	0		WILCOX	0	2
HALE	0	0		WINSTON	3	3
HENRY	1	1		**TOTAL:**	**108**	**96**

Investigations

CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTIGATION		
	2022	2023
ADVERSE WEATHER	0	3
ARSON/INTENTIONAL	160	136
COOKING EQUIPTMENT	8	8
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	20	19
HEATING EQUIPTMENT	7	5
LIQUID PETROLIEUM GAS SYSTEM	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS	40	24
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM	0	1
OTHER CRIMINAL/NON CRIMINAL	34	40
PORTABLE APPLIANCES	0	0
UNKNOWN/UNDETERMINED	273	261
TOTAL:	**543**	**497**

CASES BY PROPERTY TYPES		
	2022	2023
ASSEMBLY	16	11
BUSINESS	15	11
DETENTION	0	1
EDUCATION	6	2
HEALTH CARE	0	3
INDUSTRIAL	9	5
MERCANTILE	5	3
MOTOR VEHICLE	22	19
OTHER	68	65
RESIDENTIAL	402	377
TOTAL:	**543**	**497**

INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2022	2023		COUNTY	2022	2023
AUTAUGA	8	3		HOUSTON	3	1
BALDWIN	13	18		JACKSON	10	8
BARBOUR	14	17		JEFFERSON	23	26
BIBB	3	4		LAMAR	4	6
BLOUNT	11	10		LAUDERDALE	8	19
BULLOCK	6	2		LAWRENCE	2	1
BUTLER	2	0		LEE	9	8
CALHOUN	22	20		LIMESTONE	5	7
CHAMBERS	4	5		LOWNDES	3	1
CHEROKEE	6	2		MACON	4	4
CHILTON	10	8		MADISON	22	17
CHOCTAW	0	4		MARENGO	1	7
CLARKE	3	6		MARION	9	8
CLAY	12	1		MARHSALL	15	25
CLEBURNE	7	0		MOBILE	40	49
COFFEE	9	5		MONROE	1	2
COLBERT	13	9		MONTGOMERY	8	4
CONECUH	2	3		MORGAN	5	8
COOSA	1	5		PERRY	3	6
COVINGTON	10	10		PICKENS	2	1
CRENSHAW	2	1		PIKE	2	1
CULLMAN	11	8		RANDOLPH	4	2
DALE	9	7		RUSSELL	8	8
DALLAS	5	2		SHELBY	23	4
DEKALB	4	9		ST. CLAIR	16	11
ELMORE	9	5		SUMPTER	0	1
ESCAMBIA	11	10		TALLADEGA	13	9
ETOWAH	6	2		TALLAPOOSA	1	2
FAYETTE	2	7		TUSCALOOSA	7	2
FRANKLIN	7	3		WALKER	36	21
GENEVA	9	9		WASHINGTON	4	1
GREENE	1	0		WILCOX	4	8
HALE	1	1		WINSTON	11	14
HENRY	4	8		**TOTAL:**	**543**	**497**

TOTAL CASES BY REQUESTOR TYPE		
	2022	2023
911 CENTER	12	6
CITIZEN	18	23
FIRE DEPARTMENT	280	273
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	12	8
INSURANCE INDUSTRY	3	7
OCCUPANT	2	6
POLICE DEPARTMENT	51	45
PROPERTY OWNER	21	19
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	116	98
STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE	28	12
TOTAL:	**543**	**497**

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OTHERS IN WORKHOURS		
	2022	2023
ALLEAPS	43	0
CFAF	28	0
Cellular Mapping and Analysis	59	18
Deputy Fire Marshal	638	641
Digital Forensics	9	30
Drone Training	6	0
Drone Use/Response	61	60
Faro Response	24	59
Faro Training	0	0
Fire Department	17	10
Follow-Up	14	10
K9 Response	10	11
Law Enforecement Agency	160	27
Polygraph (Other Agency)	904	808
Polygraph DSFM	8	0
Polygraph Refuse	16	20
Public Education	22	0
Trailer Response	152	73
Total Hours:	**2,171**	**1,767**

ARREST/CHARGES		
	2022	2023
Aggrevated Stalking	1	0
Arson 1st Degree	12	13
Arson 2nd Degree	14	18
Arson 3rd Degree	3	1
Attempted Murder	1	5
Bail Jumping 2nd Degree	1	0
Burning Without Permit (Forestry)	4	0
Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess Pistol	1	0
Capital Murder	0	3
Criminal Mischif 2nd Degree	0	1
Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree	2	0
Domestic Violence 1st Degree	2	0
Failure to Appear (FTA) Alias Warrant	1	0
Forgery 2nd Degree	1	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1	0
Possession or Receipt of a Controlled Substance	1	2
Public Intoxication	1	0
Resisiting Arrest	1	0
Theft of Property 1st Degree	0	4
Theft of Property 4th Degree	1	0
Unlawful Possession, Receipt of a Controlled Substance	1	0
Willfully Setting Grass Fires	1	0
Woodlands Arson	1	0
Total Charges:	**51**	**47**

Inspections

INSPECTIONS (CODEPAL) BY COUNTIES						
COUNTY	2022	2023		COUNTY	2022	2023
AUTAUGA	7	8		HOUSTON	23	11
BALDWIN	57	58		JACKSON	28	8
BARBOUR	17	8		JEFFERSON	24	33
BIBB	7	5		LAMAR	8	10
BLOUNT	2	5		LAUDERDALE	9	18
BULLOCK	6	7		LAWRENCE	8	6
BUTLER	8	9		LEE	10	10
CALHOUN	15	21		LIMESTONE	8	19
CHAMBERS	3	5		LOWNDES	2	4
CHEROKEE	5	4		MACON	1	3
CHILTON	3	10		MADISON	3	6
CHOCTAW	3	5		MARENGO	0	4
CLARKE	5	9		MARION	6	2
CLAY	6	6		MARSHALL	5	10
CLEBURNE	1	6		MOBILE	80	101
COFFEE	12	7		MONROE	5	3
COLBERT	6	8		MONTGOMERY	5	8
CONECUH	6	9		MORGAN	7	14
COOSA	5	3		PERRY	10	0
COVINGTON	6	9		PICKENS	7	0
CRENSHAW	6	6		PIKE	4	8
CULLMAN	15	13		RANDOLPH	9	7
DALE	18	23		RUSSELL	9	11
DALLAS	3	8		SHELBY	16	20
DEKALB	9	9		ST. CLAIR	10	10
ELMORE	2	9		SUMPTER	1	7
ESCABMIA	11	5		TALLADEGA	60	63
ETOWAH	1	4		TALLAPOOSA	15	14
FAYETTE	1	1		TUSCALOOSA	8	7
FRANKLIN	3	1		WALKER	19	60
GENEVA	7	6		WASHINGTON	1	11
GREENE	5	1		WILCOX	6	2
HALE	3	6		WINSTON	3	26
HENRY	6	3		**TOTAL:**	**680**	**812**

FIREWORK INSPECTION BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2022	2023		COUNTY	2022	2023
AUTAUGA	7	9		JACKSON	14	14
BALDWIN	83	34		JEFFERSON	149	102
BARBOUR	3	1		LAMAR	1	1
BIBB	5	3		LAUDERDALE	34	35
BLOUNT	16	16		LAWRENCE	7	12
BULLOCK	1	1		LEE	33	24
BUTLER	5	3		LIMESTONE	12	11
CALHOUN	31	25		LOWNDES	0	1
CHAMBERS	4	2		MACON	2	0
CHEROKEE	10	13		MADISON	111	131
CHILTON	12	13		MARENGO	10	3
CHOCTAW	5	3		MARION	9	7
CLARKE	9	4		MARSHALL	23	16
CLAY	3	3		MOBILE	58	84
CLEBURNE	8	7		MONROE	3	5
COFFEE	5	6		MONTGOMERY	29	8
COLBERT	15	11		MORGAN	29	21
CONECUH	4	2		PERRY	2	2
COOSA	0	1		PICKENS	2	5
COVINGTON	13	13		PIKE	12	13
CRENSHAW	3	2		RANDOLPH	6	7
CULLMAN	31	21		RUSSELL	4	4
DALE	6	9		SHELBY	41	40
DALLAS	8	5		ST. CLAIR	29	22
DEKALB	26	17		SUMPTER	3	1
ELMORE	20	13		TALLADEGA	23	18
ESCABMIA	9	4		TALLAPOOSA	12	16
ETOWAH	20	22		TUSCALOOSA	46	51
FAYETTE	3	2		WALKER	14	14
FRANKLIN	10	8		WASHINGTON	3	3
GENEVA	7	7		WILCOX	1	0
GREENE	2	2		WINSTON	10	5
HALE	1	1		OUT OF STATE	24	1
HENRY	1	1				
HOUSTON	13	25		**TOTAL:**	**1,155**	**987**

INSPECTIONS BY OCCUPANCY TYPE		
	2022	2023
ASSEMBLY	110	95
BUSINESS	46	91
EDUCATIONAL/DAYCARE/LEARNING CENTER	193	366
FACTORY	5	3
FIREWORKS	1,155	987
HAZARD	7	0
INSTITUTIONAL	134	79
MERCANTILE	64	63
OTHER	65	0
RESIDENTIAL	54	61
STORAGE	1	2
UTILITY	1	0
TOTAL:	**1,835**	**1,747**

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 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 risk viewed as a high priority.

The steps involved in CRR are conducting a Community Risks 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 stocks
- Community service organization
- Demographics
- Economics
- Geography
- Hazards
- Past loss & event history
- Public safety response agencies
- Critical infrastructure system

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

Who's Who in CRR?

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

Partners: A party with which an agreement is reached for sharing of physical, financial, and/or intellectual resources in achievement of defined common objects, such as insurance providers, elder services, and big box retailers.

CRR committee: The group of people or organizations 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 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 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 2023, the Alabama State 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 came 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 State Fire Marshal's Office gives 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 or checking smoke alarms, space heater safety, electrical safety, extension cords, and always knowing two ways out. The hand-outs are for the people to take home and read about the information that was given during the PowerPoint. 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.