



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Introduction

The 2025 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 2025, the State Fire Marshal's Office had a total staff of fifty-four (54) personnel. This number includes a total of forty-two (42) law enforcement officers. There are twelve Deputy Fire Marshals, and fourteen Special Agents assigned to the Arson Bureau. In addition, there are six Fraud Investigators, and seven Special Agents assigned to the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. The balance of the law enforcement staff includes two Assistant State Fire Marshals and the State Fire Marshal along with a Deputy Fire Marshal and Special Agent serving in the Fire Prevention (Code) Bureau and a Special Agent acting as the NERIS Administrator. Fiscal year 2023 brought the establishment of a Code Bureau which is led by a Chief Building Inspector and has a staff of four (4) Building Construction Specialists. The Administrative Staff (7) of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the ALDOI Fraud Bureau include one Departmental Operational Specialist and six Administrative Support Assistants.

In 2025, the State Fire Marshal's Office Arson Bureau conducted nearly five hundred (500) structure fire and/or explosion investigations, the Fraud Bureau approximately four hundred forty-four (444) investigations. These investigations resulted in more than one hundred fifty (150+) arrests/indictments 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 Fire Prevention (Code) and Arson Bureaus are tasked with enforcing the building and fire codes adopted by the state. Both bureaus conducted more than two thousand one hundred (2,100+) inspections throughout the state in 2025. This equates to a 5+% increase in number of inspections over the prior year.

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 before a permit being issued by the office.

Fire fatalities in 2025 totaled ninety-two (92). This represents a 10.8% increase 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 to accomplish the goal of raising awareness of the public and 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, because 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 Fire Prevention (Code) Bureau in order to properly convey the scope of the division.

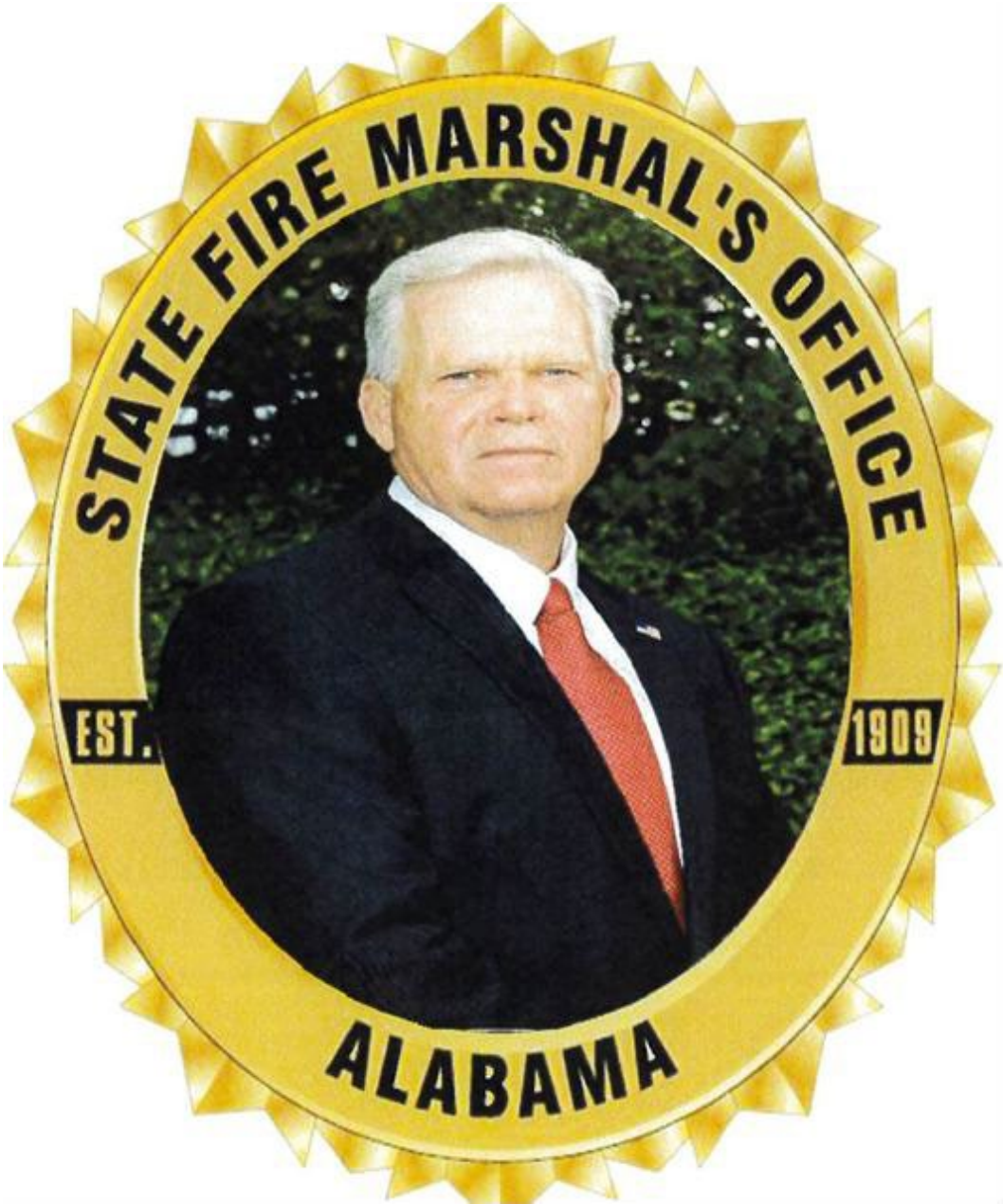
The ALDOI Criminal Investigations Division is headquartered in the RSA Tower, Montgomery and is managed by Director/State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen, Assistant State Fire Marshals Mark Drinkard, William Gordon, Departmental Operations Specialist (Office Manager) Mable Thompson and Chief Building Inspector Michael Robinson. Additionally, the division is staffed as described on page 3, Introduction. 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. In addition, we have two K9 investigators, K9 Jimpy and K9 Gus who are trained to detect any accelerants that may have been used at the time of a fire.

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.

Director/State Fire Marshal

Scott Pilgreen





Assistant State Fire Marshal
Mark Drinkard
Arson Bureau



Assistant State Fire Marshal
Billy Gordon
Fraud Bureau



Code Chief
Michael Robinson
Code Bureau



K9 Jimpy
Handler: Riley Foshee
North District

K9 Gus
Handler: Jay Brice
South District





Mable Thompson

Department Operational Specialist
Office Manager



Chalita Thornton, Special Investigator

Fireworks Public Display/Close Prox.
Column Case Management



Angie Shires, ASAIII

Fraud Intake Coordinator
Blasters & Contractors Permits
Pyro Technician Permits
Cigarette Propensity



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Investigative Reports
Fatality Reports



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Fire Pumps/Alarms/Sprinklers,
Fireworks, CodePal



Kehyliah Rogers, Clerk
Receptionist



Ann-Ware Knockemus, Clerk
Procurement Coordinator

National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)



Alabama NFIRS/NERIS in review

The National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) replacing National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), which was first established in the 1970s. Since then, turnout gear, incident types, apparatus, communications, training, tactics, and technology have all evolved. The thing that has not progressed with the times was the method and nationwide standards the fire service uses to record, analyze, and show the work that they do across their communities, that extends well beyond the days of being called upon to primarily fight fires. NERIS has been developed for today's fire service and will continue to evolve as the fire service continues to adapt for the needs of tomorrow. Due to the limitations with the current legacy system, the quantity, quality and timeliness of NFIRS data submitted by states and local fire departments is inadequate. Alabama's fire service is in the middle of a significant data-reporting transition, and the 2025 numbers put the state ahead of the curve in adopting NERIS.

Where Alabama Stands Now

- Total departments: 1,160 in Alabama in 2025, with 825 enrolled in NERIS and 458 already submitting data; this shows a large portion of the state has at least started the transition.
- 2025 hybrid year volume: 472 departments reported 461,846 incidents via NFIRS, and early adopters submitted 59,481 incidents via NERIS, for a combined 521,327 incidents.
- This means a sizable operational dataset is already split across both platforms, which will matter for trend analysis, performance metrics, and funding justification going forward.
- This office handled and participated in over 1850 email requests, 150 Zoom/Microsoft Teams meetings, and 400+/- phone calls during the daily activity and transition from NFIRS to the new NERIS System.

Why NERIS Matters Compared to NFIRS

- NFIRS was built around 1970s fire problems and technology and is now recognized as having serious gaps in timeliness, data quality, and scope.
- NERIS replaces NFIRS with a secure, cloud-based, all-hazards platform that collects incident data in near real time, supports API-driven submissions, and continuously validates reports at the point of entry.
- The goal is to give departments and states actionable analytics for staffing, deployment, community risk reduction, WUI incidents, pandemics, hostile events, and large-scale disasters, not just fire suppression.

Key Implications for Alabama in 2025–2026

- 2025 as a bridge year: Legacy NFIRS stayed live during 2025 while NERIS ramped up, which explains Alabama's split reporting and underscores why data reconciliation will be necessary for statewide reports.

- Federal standard change: As NFIRS is retired and NERIS becomes the only federal standard for incident data, all Alabama departments will eventually need to be fully live on NERIS to maintain compliance, access national benchmarking, and support federal reporting expectations.
- Operational impact: Immediate transmission and validation mean Alabama departments will see errors and data gaps much faster, turning reporting into an operational function that directly supports decision-making rather than a delayed administrative chore.

Suggested Focus Areas for Alabama's Review

- Close the enrollment-to-reporting gap: With 825 enrolled but 458 reporting, the state can prioritize onboarding support, training, and vendor coordination so enrolled agencies can begin submitting data.
- Plan for combined analytics: State-level analysts will need strategies and tools to merge 2025 NFIRS and NERIS records into coherent trend lines to assist in funding, risk assessment, and legislative reporting.
- Support smaller and rural departments: Because NERIS is more capable but also more technically demanding, targeted assistance for rural volunteer companies will help keep statewide data complete and equitable.

Example: Using Alabama's 2025 Data

Alabama can take the 521,327 total 2025 incidents and break them down by incident type, geography, and participation (NFIRS vs NERIS) to highlight where NERIS adoption is already improving data timeliness and where gaps remain, then use those findings to help in prioritizing training, technical support, and outreach in 2026.

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 13 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.

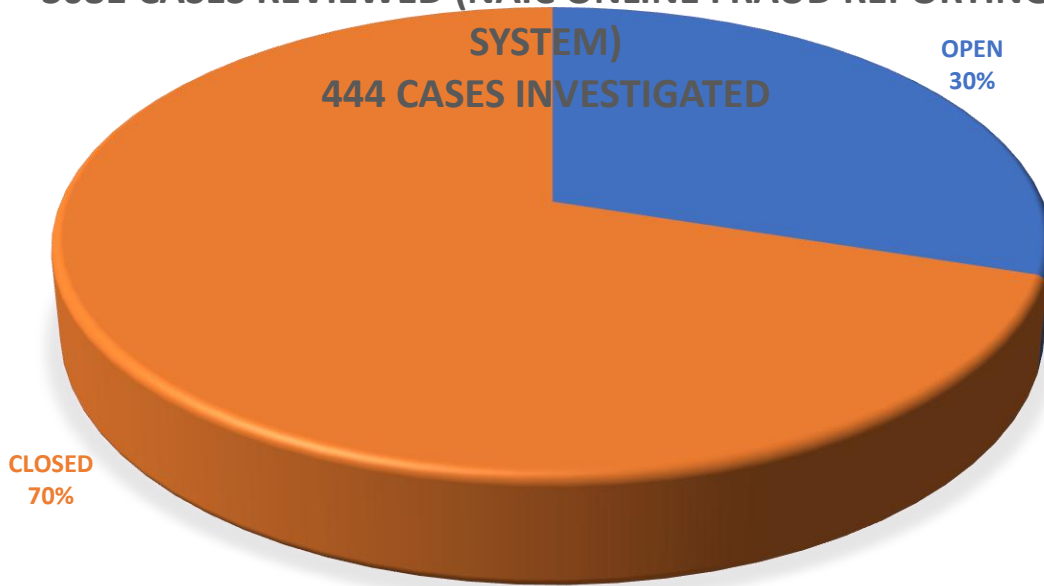
In 2025, 3081 complaints were reviewed, of those 444 were assigned for investigation. The Bureau's investigations concluded in 146 arrests or other prosecutions by our agency. Fraud investigations were conducted in 63 of the 67 Alabama counties. Jefferson County was the highest reporting area with 75 investigations or 17% of the 444. Montgomery County followed with 39 cases or 9% 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

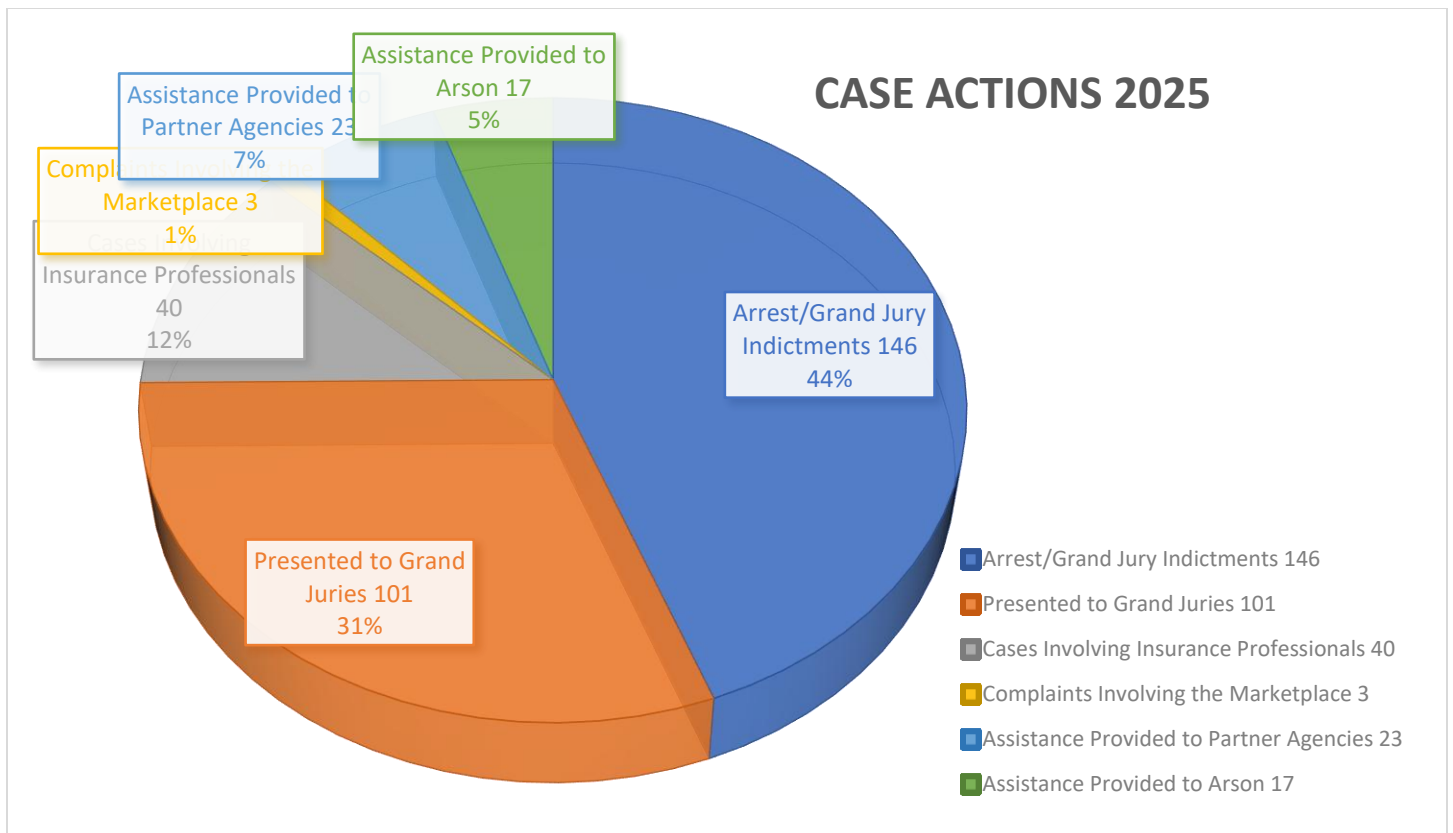


2025
3081 CASES REVIEWED (NAIC ONLINE FRAUD REPORTING SYSTEM)



51 % of Complaints received from Insurance

49% of Complaints received from Consumers



In 2025, significant progress was made in advancing cases through the legal system. There were 101 presentations made to grand juries, resulting in 146 indictments or arrests. Additionally, several cases were prepared and presented for potential federal prosecution, including a matter involving a roofing company.

Beyond these specific advancements, USDA handled several matters involving insurance industry professionals and crop insurance.

The Fraud Bureau also dedicated resources to assisting partner agencies and the Arson Bureau on various matters, encouraging investigators to work collaboratively across their disciplines.

As part of the 2025 calendar year, the Insurance Fraud Unit maintained a dedicated investigator with a specialized focus on stolen vehicles. Through strategic partnerships with external agencies, the **National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)**, and the **Alabama Auto Theft Intelligence Council (AATIC)**, the unit successfully recovered a significant volume of high-value vehicles totaling \$354,000.00.

Statistics



FIRE SPRINKLER STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2024	2025
FIRE SPRINKLER	\$27,960	\$29,280
PERMITS ISSUED:	233	244
FIRE PUMP STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2024	2025
FIRE PUMPS	\$26,400	\$20,400
PERMITS ISSUED:	220	170
CONTRACTOR & BLASTER STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2024	2025
CONTRACTORS	\$100,320	\$92,400
BLASTERS	\$28,776	\$27,852
TOTAL	\$129,096	\$120,252
TOTAL PERMITS:	256	246
FIRE ALARM STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2024	2025
FIRE ALARMS	\$33,638	\$35,332
PERMITS ISSUED:	244	285

CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPERTY STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2024	2025
MONEY COLLECTED	\$81,070	\$21,780
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED:	7	23

FIREWORKS STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2024	2025
CLOSE PROXIMITY	\$24,150	\$26,100
DISTRIBUTOR	\$72,000	\$69,000
MANUFACTURER	\$15,000	\$12,000
PUBLIC DISPLAY	\$22,275	\$25,725
SEASONAL RETAILER- SR1	\$8,700	\$9,750
SEASONAL RETAILER- SR2	\$81,900	\$82,950
RETAIL	\$131,700	\$127,850
WHOLESALE	\$6,000	\$12,000
TOTAL MONEY COLLECTED	\$361,725	\$365,375
PERMITS ISSUED:	1,263	1,288

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+	UNK	Total
2024	5	0	1	6	5	7	11	17	15	14	2	0	0	83
2025	0	8	1	4	8	6	16	17	16	8	4	0	4	92

FATALITY BY RACE		
	2024	2025
ASIAN	0	0
BLACK	32	33
HISPANIC	1	1
WHITE	50	48
UNK	0	10
TOTAL:	83	92

FATALITY BY MONTH		
	2024	2025
JANUARY	14	16
FEBRUARY	7	14
MARCH	5	11
APRIL	9	6
MAY	5	1
JUNE	7	5
JULY	3	4
AUGUST	4	6
SEPTEMBER	5	2
OCTOBER	4	1
NOVEMBER	2	3
DECEMBER	18	23
TOTAL:	83	92

FATALITY BY GENDER		
	2024	2025
MALE	51	52
FEMALE	32	40
TOTAL:	83	92

FATALITY BY CAUSE		
	2024	2025
ACCIDENTAL	2	4
ARSON	3	3
COOKING	1	6
ELECTRIC-PORTABLE HEATERS	1	0
ELECTRIC STOVE/OVEN-LEFT UNATTENDED	1	0
ELECTRICAL	4	6
EXPOSURE FIRE	1	0
EQUIPMENT/APPLIANCE-TEMPORARY-INTERIOR	2	0
HEATING	4	6
HOMICIDE-ARSON BY FIRE	1	0
IMPROVISED ELECTRIC (NOT OTHERWISE LISTED)	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS	5	1
MISUSE OF SMOKING MATERIALS (INCLUDES DISCARDED)	1	0
NATURAL GAS-STOVE/OVEN- LEFT UNATTENDED	1	0
NON- CRIMINAL	1	0
OPEN FLAME	3	1
OTHER	6	7
PORTABLE LIQUID FUELED	1	0
SUICIDE BY FIRE	2	0
UNDETERMINED	34	56
UNDETERMINED-NOT SUSPICIOUS	1	0
WIRING-PERMANENT-INTERIOR	2	0
WIRING-TEMPORARY-INTERIOR	1	0
UNDER INVESTIGATION	0	2
TOTAL:	83	92

FATALITY BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2024	2025		COUNTY	2024	2025
AUTAUGA	1	0		HOUSTSON	0	0
BALDWIN	1	3		JACKSON	1	3
BARBOUR	0	1		JEFFERSON	12	6
BIBB	0	1		LAMAR	0	0
BLOUNT	2	0		LAUDERDALE	0	0
BULLOCK	0	0		LAWRENCE	0	6
BUTLER	3	0		LEE	0	2
CALHOUN	3	6		LIMESTONE	1	3
CHAMBERS	0	0		LOWNDES	0	0
CHEROKEE	0	0		MACON	0	0
CHILTON	2	2		MADISON	0	3
CHOCTAW	0	0		MARENGO	2	1
CLARKE	1	1		MARION	1	1
CLAY	1	0		MARSHALL	5	3
CLEBURNE	1	0		MOBILE	5	5
COFFEE	0	1		MONROE	0	1
COLBERT	0	1		MONTGOMERY	7	10
CONECUH	0	3		MORGAN	2	2
COOSA	1	0		PERRY	0	2
COVINGTON	1	3		PICKEN	1	0
CRENSHEW	0	2		PIKE	0	1
CULLMAN	0	0		RANDOLPH	1	0
DALE	0	2		RUSSELL	5	0
DALLAS	1	2		SHELBY	2	0
DEKALB	1	0		ST. CLAIR	2	2
ELMORE	0	0		SUMPTER	0	0
ESCAMBIA	2	2		TALLADEGA	1	3
ETOWAH	4	3		TALLAPOOSA	4	0
FAYETTE	0	0		TUSCALOOSA	2	1
FRANKLIN	1	0		WALKER	2	0
GENEVA	0	1		WASHINGTON	1	0
GREENE	0	0		WILCOX	0	0
HALE	0	1		WINSTON	0	2
HENRY	0	0		TOTAL:	83	92

Investigation Statistics



TOTAL CASES BY REQUESTOR TYPE		
	2024	2025
911 CENTER	14	7
CITIZEN	11	62
FIRE DEPARTMENT	303	200
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	9	12
INSURANCE INDUSTRY	3	4
OCCUPANT	5	4
POLICE DEPARTMENT	44	44
PROPERTY OWNER	19	20
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	106	104
STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE	17	24
AL FORESTRY COMMISSION	0	4
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0	5
TOTAL:	531	490

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OTHERS IN WORKHOURS		
	2024	2025
Code Enforcement Internal	0	139
Code Enforcement External	0	113
Cellular Mapping and Analysis	10	1
Deputy Fire Marshal	598	690
Digital Forensics	7	35
Drone Training	19	11
Drone Use/Response	114	52
Faro Response	25	0
Faro Training	0	0
Fire Department	42	64
Follow-Up	34	63
K9 Response	85	41
Law Enforcement Agency	127	193
Other	0	15
Polygraph DSFM	0	0
Polygraph Refuse	0	0
Public Education	10	185
Trailer Response	227	155
Wildland Fire	0	29
Total Hours:	1,298	1,786

CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTIGATION		
	2024	2025
ADVERSE WEATHER	4	5
ARSON/INTENTIONAL	133	110
COOKING EQUIPMENT	9	14
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	29	26
HEATING EQUIPMENT	11	13
LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM	1	1
MISCELLANEOUS	51	29
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM	1	0
OTHER CRIMINAL/NON CRIMINAL	37	36
UNKNOWN/UNDETERMINED	255	256
TOTAL:	531	490

CASES BY PROPERTY TYPES		
	2024	2025
ASSEMBLY	22	6
BUSINESS	10	6
DETENTION	2	0
EDUCATION	7	7
HEALTH CARE	1	2
INDUSTRIAL	9	5
MERCANTILE	5	7
MOTOR VEHICLE	27	16
OTHER	77	24
RESIDENTIAL	371	417
TOTAL:	531	490

INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2024	2025		COUNTY	2024	2025
AUTAUGA	4	9		HOUSTON	0	1
BALDWIN	14	22		JACKSON	8	9
BARBOUR	12	8		JEFFERSON	41	24
BIBB	3	3		LAMAR	8	9
BLOUNT	6	8		LAUDERDALE	20	23
BULLOCK	1	3		LAWRENCE	0	2
BUTLER	7	1		LEE	6	7
CALHOUN	31	30		LIMESTONE	14	7
CHAMBERS	5	7		LOWNDES	3	1
CHEROKEE	9	5		MACON	4	0
CHILTON	12	12		MADISON	6	9
CHOCTAW	3	7		MARENGO	7	8
CLARKE	2	5		MARION	7	9
CLAY	3	2		MARHSALL	29	15
CLEBURNE	2	3		MOBILE	31	28
COFFEE	3	5		MONROE	1	1
COLBERT	6	10		MONTGOMERY	2	2
CONECUH	4	5		MORGAN	7	5
COOSA	4	0		PERRY	3	2
COVINGTON	5	7		PICKENS	3	5
CRENSHAW	3	3		PIKE	3	3
CULLMAN	7	8		RANDOLPH	2	2
DALE	3	6		RUSSELL	6	5
DALLAS	4	2		SHELBY	13	4
DEKALB	10	6		ST. CLAIR	12	5
ELMORE	9	7		SUMPTER	0	1
ESCAMBIA	15	13		TALLADEGA	27	6
ETOWAH	3	3		TALLAPOOSA	5	2
FAYETTE	8	10		TUSCALOOSA	3	3
FRANKLIN	2	6		WALKER	30	34
GENEVA	3	4		WASHINGTON	3	8
GREENE	2	4		WILCOX	2	2
HALE	6	5		WINSTON	12	19
HENRY	2	0		TOTAL:	531	490

ARREST/CHARGES		
	2024	2025
Arson 1st Degree	4	10
Arson 2nd Degree	10	7
Arson 3rd Degree	0	0
Assault 2nd Degree	1	0
Attempting to Elude	1	1
Attempted Murder	1	0
Felony Murder	0	1
C.H.I.N.S	0	1
Criminal Mischif 1st Degree	2	1
Criminal Mischif 2nd Degree	1	0
Criminal Trespass Second Degree	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	0
Failing to Appear (Traffic)	0	3
FTA	0	1
Insurance Fraud 1st Degree	2	3
Manslaughter	1	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1	0
Possession of Explosive Devices	2	0
Possession of Child Pornography	0	10
Resisiting Arrest	1	0
Sexual Abuse First Degree	0	4
Theft of Property 1st Degree	1	0
Unlawful Possession, Receipt of a Controlled Substance	3	0
Willfully Setting Grass Fires	8	0
Total Charges:	40	43

Inspection Statistics



INSPECTIONS (CODEPAL) BY COUNTIES						
COUNTY	2024	2025		COUNTY	2024	2025
AUTAUGA	9	4		HOUSTON	9	11
BALDWIN	57	49		JACKSON	7	9
BARBOUR	2	4		JEFFERSON	26	26
BIBB	6	7		LAMAR	7	15
BLOUNT	4	14		LAUDERDALE	9	17
BULLOCK	0	4		LAWRENCE	6	16
BUTLER	13	13		LEE	8	7
CALHOUN	27	43		LIMESTONE	22	21
CHAMBERS	5	7		LOWNDES	3	3
CHEROKEE	3	7		MACON	3	9
CHILTON	3	5		MADISON	8	10
CHOCTAW	4	6		MARENGO	6	4
CLARKE	12	16		MARION	32	9
CLAY	6	4		MARSHALL	10	21
CLEBURNE	5	6		MOBILE	52	34
COFFEE	12	10		MONROE	3	6
COLBERT	6	9		MONTGOMERY	14	7
CONECUH	10	9		MORGAN	13	13
COOSA	1	1		PERRY	4	3
COVINGTON	18	11		PICKENS	3	6
CRENSHAW	6	5		PIKE	6	12
CULLMAN	19	19		RANDOLPH	9	12
DALE	14	24		RUSSELL	7	3
DALLAS	9	5		SHELBY	17	21
DEKALB	5	11		ST. CLAIR	20	20
ELMORE	9	10		SUMPTER	20	7
ESCABMIA	12	8		TALLADEGA	16	20
ETOWAH	7	7		TALLAPOOSA	12	10
FAYETTE	14	10		TUSCALOOSA	13	8
FRANKLIN	2	2		WALKER	42	23
GENEVA	11	17		WASHINGTON	7	7
GREENE	1	5		WILCOX	8	7
HALE	4	5		WINSTON	27	12
HENRY	1	0		TOTAL:	812	766

FIREWORK INSPECTION BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2024	2025		COUNTY	2024	2025
AUTAUGA	7	7		JACKSON	16	19
BALDWIN	91	82		JEFFERSON	149	163
BARBOUR	2	1		LAMAR	2	2
BIBB	5	4		LAUDERDALE	34	29
BLOUNT	21	20		LAWRENCE	12	16
BULLOCK	1	1		LEE	27	33
BUTLER	4	5		LIMESTONE	15	22
CALHOUN	29	32		LOWNDES	0	0
CHAMBERS	3	5		MACON	4	2
CHEROKEE	12	12		MADISON	123	155
CHILTON	13	17		MARENGO	8	9
CHOCTAW	5	5		MARION	9	8
CLARKE	9	8		MARSHALL	20	23
CLAY	3	3		MOBILE	71	89
CLEBURNE	10	6		MONROE	5	7
COFFEE	7	4		MONTGOMERY	28	30
COLBERT	12	12		MORGAN	35	32
CONECUH	4	4		PERRY	2	1
COOSA	0	0		PICKENS	5	5
COVINGTON	13	12		PIKE	12	13
CRENSHAW	5	4		RANDOLPH	6	5
CULLMAN	30	27		RUSSELL	2	5
DALE	8	5		SHELBY	51	47
DALLAS	10	6		ST. CLAIR	21	25
DEKALB	19	21		SUMPTER	3	2
ELMORE	21	20		TALLADEGA	28	21
ESCABMIA	7	9		TALLAPOOSA	16	17
ETOWAH	26	24		TUSCALOOSA	39	56
FAYETTE	3	3		WALKER	13	12
FRANKLIN	9	9		WASHINGTON	3	2
GENEVA	5	11		WILCOX	1	1
GREENE	2	2		WINSTON	8	8
HALE	2	5		OUT OF STATE	30	20
HENRY	1	1				
HOUSTON	36	39		TOTAL:	1233	1312

INSPECTIONS BY OCCUPANCY TYPE		
	2024	2025
ASSEMBLY	102	132
BUSINESS	77	80
EDUCATIONAL/DAYCARE/LEARNING CENTER	324	269
FACTORY	2	4
FIREWORKS	1233	1312
HAZARD	3	1
INSTITUTIONAL	160	152
MERCANTILE	10	46
OTHER	15	0
RESIDENTIAL	85	79
STORAGE	2	3
UTILITY	1	0
TOTAL:	2,014	2,078

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 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 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 2024, 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.