

Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety Agency, through quality service and motivated employees, works with its customers to protect life and property from fire and electrical hazards.

Results of outcomes

In FY01, the fire prevention division performed 188 plan reviews for new construction, remodeling work and additions to existing buildings. As a result, 500 inspections were conducted to ensure these facilities met the minimum standards adopted by the state.

The division also conducted 350 fire and life safety inspections in existing schools, day care facilities, hotel and motels, and state institutions. It responded to 27 complaints and received 1,248 requests for assistance in code interpretations, on-site inspections and technical research.

The division processed 87 applications for fire extinguisher/hood and duct fire suppression system service, and installation technicians. Testing was provided at 30 sites throughout the state, and 58 individuals were certified to provide these services in Wyoming.

In FY01, the electrical division processed 2,096 applications for electrical licenses. Exams were held six times at five locations, and 506 applicants tested that resulted in 415 new licenses being issued to perform electrical installations. A total of 1,007 apprentices were registered to begin or continue training to become licensed journeyman electricians or technicians. A total of 3,633 electrical wiring permits were issued; resulting in 975 inspections to ensure the installations met the requirements of the National Electrical Code. During this period, the division made an additional 2,054 contacts for safety inspections, license checks and requests for assistance in code interpretation.

The training division documented training, testing and certification of 329 Wyoming emergency response personnel, 151 fire service training classes were conducted and more than 2,300 emergency services personnel were trained.

In FY01, 765 emergency responders attended 56 Terrorism Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Courses. Funding for this program is provided

General information

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Other locations

Riverton and Buffalo

Year established

1963

Statutory references

W.S. 35-9-101 through 35-9-130

Number of authorized personnel

26 full-time, one part-time

Organizational structure

Administration Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training Division and Electrical Safety Division

Clients served

Fire service, law enforcement, architects, engineers, building and fire code officials, federal, state and county agencies, building and electrical contractors, electrical industry, media and public

Budget information

General funds	\$1,222,837
Federal funds	\$39,940
Other	\$149,473
Total	\$1,412,250

to Wyoming as a result of a grant the agency was awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration for \$80,000.00. The Wyoming Fire Safety House traveled to 13 locations across the state, and 3,500 Wyoming residents were taught life-saving strategies in the event of a home fire.

The fire and arson investigation section investigated 35 fire scenes for origin and cause determination as well as providing written reports and follow-up investigation reports to local fire departments and law enforcement agencies.

Strategic plan changes

No significant changes were made to the strategic plan for the four-year period 2002 to 2006.

State Electrical Board

Agency to which group reports

Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

Number of members

Three members appointed by the governor

Meeting frequency

There are two statutorily mandated meetings a year. If possible, the board meets quarterly.

Council on Fire Prevention, Electrical Safety and Energy Efficiency in Buildings

Agency to which group reports

Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

Number of members

Five members appointed by the governor

Meeting frequency

There are two statutorily mandated meetings a year. If possible, the council meets quarterly.

Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety organization chart

