

Department of Fire Prevention & Electrical Safety

Mission and philosophy

Through quality service and motivated employees, work in concert with our customers to protect life and property from fire and electrical hazards.

Results of outcomes

In FY 2004, the Fire Prevention Division performed 321 plan reviews for new construction, remodel work and additions to existing buildings with a total valuation of \$231,770,870.00. The fire compliance inspectors conducted 1542 inspections to ensure new and existing facilities met the minimum standards adopted by the state. The Division conducted 347 School inspections, 209 Child Care inspections, 257 Hotel/ Motel inspections, 83 inspections of Institutions, and there were 106 Fire Alarm inspections conducted on fire alarm systems. The Fire Prevention Division responded to 41 Complaints and received 540 requests for public assistance inspections. The fire compliance specialists traveled 87,062 miles while conducting the above inspections.

In FY 2004, the Electrical Division, clerical staff, processed and issued 3,446 applications for electrical licenses.

In March 2005, the Electrical Division switched to the International Code Council, as proctor for Wyoming electrical exams due to convenience and accessibility to the exams. Out of 646 applicants tested, 323 were issued a new Master, Journeyman or Technician license. A total of 1,181 apprentices were registered to begin or to continue their training to become eligible to take the journeyman or technician electrician's exam.

The Electrical Division conducted 3,446 electrical inspections to ensure electrical installations met the requirements of the National Electrical Code. Also during this period, the division made frequent license checks and had numerous requests for assistance in code interpretation.

The Training Division certified 398 Wyoming emergency first responders. The Division also delivered and/or facilitated ninety-five (95) classes with 1326 students attending.

The Training Division has continued to offer various types of training to the fire service in the State of Wyoming. In FY 2004, the Training Division certified 398 Wyoming emergency first responders. The Training Division also delivered or facilitated 95 classes with 1336 students in attendance. In FY 2004, the Training Division

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Other locations

Riverton, Buffalo, Green River, Laramie, Worland, Thayne

Year established

1963

Statutory references

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

Number of authorized personnel

33 full-time

Organizational Structure

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

Clients served

Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Architects, Engineers, Building & Fire Code Officials, Federal/State/County Agencies, Building & Electrical Contractors, Electrical Industry, Media, Child Care Providers, and the General Public.

Budget information

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| General funds | \$2,241,832.00 |
| Federal funds | 56,000.00 |
| Other | 1,986,919.00 |
| Total | \$4,284,751.00 |

sion started an effort to return back to basic Firefighter training. In this effort the Division has offered Firefighter 1 (FF-I) and Firefighter II (FF-II) courses to fire departments in State of Wyoming. By starting new firefighters along a career path it is believed they can better serve the public and their communities; thus preparing them for future leadership roles in the fire service.

It has been the goal of the Training Division to increase the number of personnel in the fire service thru training and education to be capable of conducting fire investigation. By supporting this concept in the fire service this allows for greater participation and independence of fire departments and more local control. However we stand ready to offer assistance in this matter by sending an investigator or with additional experience and expertise if requested.

In FY 2004, the Agency received a grant from the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security for \$212,000.00. The agency conducted and facilitated CBRNE Weapons of Mass Destruction training for the Regional Emergency Response Teams (RERT) in the State of Wyoming. This was accomplished by offering three 80-hour Hazardous Materials Technicians courses. This training was provided at no cost to local communities or participants. A total of 49 students attended. Hazardous materials awareness and operations classes were also provided with this funding. The agency also developed a Hazardous Materials Awareness on-line training program and updated the fire training records database with this grant. The Hazardous Materials Awareness (HMA) is now offered to emergency responders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students that have completed the program say it is user friendly and easy to navigate.

In 2004, 116 fire departments reported fire incidents to our agency. A total of 16 departments did not. In an effort to bring them into compliance, the agency is taking proactive steps to notify departments sooner when they are delinquent in their reporting. The agency has also implemented a quality control program to further help identify fire problems in Wyoming. The program identifies reports missing origin and cause information.

The fire investigation section investigated 37 fires for origin and cause determination. The total dollar loss for these fires was approximately \$3,780,380.

Beginning in 2004, we implemented fire prevention and public education program. Concentration has been focused on three major targets – Smoke Alarm Installation program, Wyoming Juvenile Firesetter Intervention program and College Safety.

Since implementation of the Smoke Alarm Installation Program there has been an increase in the number of fire departments participating in the program from zero to ten departments. The Wyoming Juvenile Firesetter Intervention program has grown by 13 percent with the addition of three new coalitions participating. We now have a Wyoming Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program in 14 of the 23 counties.

A new program has been developed addressing college fire safety and more specifically, fire safety in on-campus housing. In addition, fire safety education presentations have also been given to Department of Family Services personnel in charge of licensing and regulating of child care facilities, Homeland Security, the Wyoming Dietary Managers Association, the Wyoming Association of Municipalities, and the state conference for child care providers (Stand & Celebrate 2005).

Strategic plan changes

Below are our goals from our new Strategic Plan:

- Percentage of fire and electrical inspections being completed.
- Percentage of firefighters trained to Firefighter 1 or 2 Standards.
- Percentage of fires where the fire report completely documents where the fire originated and its cause.
- Percentage of fire departments engaged in fire prevention and public education programs through our Department.
- Projected percentage increase in construction plans reviewed, percentage increase in permits issued, and percentage increase in electrical licenses issued/renewed.

State Electrical Board

Agency to which group reports

Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

Number of members

Three members appointed by the Governor.

Meeting Frequency

There are two statutorily mandated meetings per year. If possible, the Board meets quarterly.

Council on Fire Prevention & Electrical Safety

Agency to which group reports

Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

Number of members

Five members appointed by the Governor.

Meeting frequency

There are two statutorily mandated meetings per year. If possible, the Council meets quarterly.

Department of Fire Prevention & Electrical Safety organizational chart

