# WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIRE COMMISSION

# FY 2019

ANNUAL REPORT

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### From the State Fire Commission Chairman



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October 1, 2019

The Honorable Jim Justice Governor of West Virginia State Capitol Building Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Governor Justice,

On behalf of the members of the West Virginia State Fire Commission and in accordance with the West Virginia Code, I am pleased to submit to you the Annual Report of the WV State Fire Commission for FY 2019.

The support you have shown for the entire Fire Service of West Virginia, the State Fire Commission and the Office of the Fire Marshal is greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Commission if you have any inquires in the future.

Sincerely,

ALX-

Grant Gunnoe Chairman



### From the WV State Fire Marshal



Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Jeff S. Sandy, CFE, CAMS State Fire Marshal Kenneth E. Tyree, Jr.

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Dear Governor Justice,

In compliance with the West Virginia Code, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 20, the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019 of the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's office is hereby submitted for your review.

This report is a representative, but by no means complete, look at the myriad services provided to the citizens of West Virginia by the dedicated personnel of the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office.

Since 1909 the State Fire Marshal's Office has consistently increased its level of public service to the State of West Virginia through code inspections and enforcement, licensing and regulatory services, public fire education, fire investigations and many other duties.

This report in part reflects the efforts of West Virginia's fire departments and fire service organizations that represent full time career, volunteer and part-paid combination departments. It should not be forgotten that daily, these brave men and women are ready to give their lives protecting their communities from fire and other emergency incidents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Tyree, Jr. West Virginia State Fire Marshal





### **Mission Statement**

To provide, through leadership, the best possible fire prevention and life safety for our citizens by legislation, education, training, standards, and resource allocation.

### **Commission Representation**

3 Members	Full-Time Paid Firefighters
1 Member	Full-Time Paid Fire Chief
3 Members	Volunteer Firefighters
2 Members	Volunteer Fire Chiefs
2 Members	Business & Industry
1 Member	Fire Insurance Industry
1 Member	Registered Architects

# **Standing Committees**

Fire Department Services Committee Recruitment and Retention Committee Legislative, Codes, and Regulatory Committee Training Committee, Disciplinary Committee Operations Committee

# **Fire Commission Officers**

Chairman:	Grant Gunnoe
	Represents: Paid Firefighters
	Term Expires: June 30, 2019

- Vice-Chairman: Doug Mongold Represents: Volunteer Firefighters Term Expires: June 30, 2023
- Secretary: Ted Shriver Represents: Architects Term Expires: June 30, 2022

### **Fire Commission Members**



### **Dave Camp**

Dave represents the Fire Insurance industry in West Virginia and was appointed on the Fire Commission by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin in 2014. He is an insurance agent with Bill Bailey Insurance Agency / VFIS of WV. Mr. Camp has more than a decade of experience in the Fire Service specializing in Safety, Education, Training, Risk Analysis and Loss Control Practices. He holds the Certified Professional Insurance Agent (CPIA) designation and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Management from Davis & Elkins College.



# Edward J. George

Edward was appointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Jim Justice in June of 2018. He was appointed to represent Business and Industry. Edward is a partner in the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP where his practice is extensive and involves matters affecting manufacturing, waste transportation and disposal, and the pyrotechnics industry. Edward's career also includes past service as a metro-Philadelphia firefighter.



# **Carl Eastham**

Carl was appointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Tomblin in 2015. Carl represents the Paid Fire Chiefs on the Commission. Carl is a retired Fire Chief from the City of Huntington, West Virginia.



# **Doug Estep**

Doug was appointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Tomblin in 2015. Doug was sworn in as Fire Chief of the Morrisvale Volunteer Fire Department in August of 1982. Chief Estep has served as Chief of the department while also maintaining a career as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic at Hobet Mining. He retired from mining in 2013 with 38 years of service. Chief Estep is a certified Fire Officer along with being a certified Fire Instructor 2 for WVU Fire Service Extension. He specializes in teaching rural firefighting tactics.



### **Grant Gunnoe**

Grant represents the Paid Firefighters in West Virginia and was appointed on the Fire Commission by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin in 2010. After graduation from High School Grant worked in the Communications Center for the Charleston Police Department and then as a Paramedic for the Charleston Emergency Ambulance Service until beginning a 28-year career with the Charleston Fire Department. In 2002 he was promoted to Chief of the Department. Grant retired in May of 2006 to assume the position of Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the City of Charleston until he retired in April of 2019.



# **Phil Hart**

Phil was appointed by Governor Tomblin in 2016 to the Fire Commission to replace the late Gary Bonnett. Phil represents the volunteer Fire Chiefs. Phil has been a member of the Belington Volunteer Fire Department since 1978 and has been the Fire Chief since 2010. Since 1989 Phil has been employed with the City of Bridgeport Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic and he has held many offices throughout his career. June of 2016 he was appointed Fire Chief of the combination department.



### **Martin Hess**

Martin was appointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Jim Justice in February 2018. He currently serves as Fire Chief of the Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department, a position he has held for five years. Chief Hess represents the WV State Fire Chief's Association. He is involved in several community activities including serving as Deacon at Leading Creek Baptist Church, Chairman of the Gilmer County LEPC, Coordinator of Gilmer County CERT, a WV Fusion Liaison Officer, Vice Chairman of WV WARN, a Hunter Education Instructor, a TIMS Instructor and an EVOC Instructor.



# Jim Oldaker

Jim was reappointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Tomblin in 2015. Jim is a 39-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 466, Charleston, WV, AFL/CIO. He is currently employed by The Summit Electric Group as a Foreman. Jim is a 42-year member of the Alum Creek Volunteer Fire Department and has served 35 years in the position of Fire Chief. Jim is involved with and serves on many associations. Jim represents the Volunteer Firefighters.



# **Thomas Keefer**

Tom was appointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Manchin in 2009. He represents the Business and Industry interests for the Commission. Tom began his career at the DuPont, Belle, WV facility in the Project Engineering Group in May 1974. Tom was a DuPont / Chemours HAZMAT responder since 1976 with extensive experience in process safety, safety, security, hazardous material distribution, emergency response, and incident command.



# **Doug Mongold**

Doug was appointed to the State Fire Commission by Governor Manchin in 2010. Chief Mongold represents the volunteer firefighters. He currently serves as Fire Chief of the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company a position he has held for 19 years. Chief Mongold is past President of the WV State Firemen's Association and is currently serving on the executive committee. Chief Mongold is also a member of the Moorefield Town Council. Past chairman of the Hardy County 911 advisory board and is currently Vice-chair of the local LECP board.



# **Ted Shriver**

Ted was appointed by Governor Manchin in 2009 and represents the Architects. While the position is stated as the representative of the architects, he represents all the design professionals. As Chairman of the Commission's Code and Regulatory Committee, he has been a part of updating the rules for the State Fire Code, the State Building Code, the Code Officials, and the Certification of Home Inspectors.

He earned an Engineering Technology Degree from Fairmont State College.



# Virgil 'P-nut' White

Virgil "P-nut" White is a 33-year veteran of the Fire Service and was appointed by Governor Machin to the State Fire Commission in 2009. Virgil began his career in 1986 with the Lewisburg Fire Department and in 1993 became employed by the South Charleston Fire Department. In his 25 years of service, he has risen through the ranks up to his current rank of Fire Chief. Virgil has always had a strong passion for the fire service and other public safety. He has 30 years' experience as a paramedic and as a 911 telecommunicator. He currently holds an Associate and a bachelor's degree in Fire Science from West Virginia State University and a master's degree in Emergency Management from Anna Maria College. He also has over 20 years of service as a Fire Service Instructor.

### **Mark Stroop**



Mark was appointed by the Governor in 2018. He has served the City of Martinsburg as a career fire fighter since 1995 and like many fire fighters he started as a volunteer. He served in the West Virginia Air National Guard which included a Dessert Storm deployment. He has been a certified Emergency Medical Technician for over 30 years and has attained and maintained his DOD and NFPA fire service inspector, instructor, and fire officer. It is his pleasure to be involved with the education of our youth in the public-school system for over 20 years thru the community education and outreach program that is designed to teach fire safety and prevention.



# **State Fire Marshal's Projects and Programs**



# West Virginia Fire Death Reduction and Public Education

The public education section continues to develop and deliver public service announcements that are delivered around the state. We continue to educate the public about many aspects of fire safety through various programs such as providing and supporting smoke alarm installations. We are also working on a statewide Community Risk Reduction program which is an integrated approach to balance emergency response capabilities with proactive measures that work together to reduce risk and loss in communities.

# **Technology and Efficiency**

The State Fire Marshal along with staff is studying ways to implement greater information technology (IT) enhancement within the agency for improved efficiency when it comes to every division's specific responsibilities for streamlining job performance, record keeping, invoicing and their accounts receivable system.

# **Goals/Objectives/Performance Measures**

Reduce the number of arson injuries, deaths, and property losses statewide by increasing attention to community risk reduction, public safety education, and arson awareness throughout West Virginia via state fire data reporting, increased public safety program offerings, the West Virginia Arson Hotline, and radio public service announcements.

■ Increase media messages referencing general fire safety practices, arson awareness, and other pertinent public safety information via television, public service announcements, radio interviews, billboards, social media and the agency's website.

Reduce the number of preventable unintentional fire-related injuries and deaths, as well as property loss, in the state. ■ Restrict the number of fire deaths statewide to 50 or less.

Fiscal Year	Fire deaths in West Virginia
Actual 2017	70
Actual 2018	56
Estimated 2019	50
Actual 2019	43
Estimated 2020	40
Estimated 2021	<40

 Annually inspect and issue a certificate of occupancy to all West Virginia health care facilities, educational facilities (schools and day care), detention facilities, and other licensed occupancies.

Fiscal Year	Facilities inspected annually
Actual 2017	65%
Actual 2018	70%
Estimated 2019	75%
Actual 2019	81%
Estimated 2020	80%
Estimated 2021	85%

- Respond to all valid complaints within 48 hours. Current completion rate estimated at 90%.
- Enhance public outreach and networking with fire departments and other stakeholders with fire safety education through classroom and online resource training and by providing fire safety and prevention messaging via Facebook and Twitter.

Enhance efforts to assist outside agencies in promoting and sustaining smoke alarm programs for high-risk fire groups such as seniors and people with disabilities.

Provide training assistance on smoke alarm installation, fall prevention, distribution and tracking programs to agencies offering home-based services to high-risk consumers, and to community organizations providing services to seniors and others with disabilities.

Promote and provide educational resources to the public pertaining to fire safety with an increased awareness in all areas, including water-based fire protection for residential and commercial use.

Ensure the public is provided messages pertaining to fire safety and the use of passive- and active-fire protection systems via billboard, radio, television, the web, social media, and press releases.

Improve the efforts of the State Fire Marshal's Office to support fire departments.

- Continue to develop online reporting tutorials and data analysis for the agency website in FY 2019.
- Continue the implementation of the fire data analysis class delivery to all West Virginia fire departments in need of training through FY 2019.

Provided West Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System training via classroom and telephone tutoring for the fire service community during FY 2018.

Evaluated and assisted 101 West Virginia fire departments in obtaining recertification during FY 2019.

Continue the second five-year rotation for the evaluation of all fire departments to ensure compliance with the Fire Commission Legislative Rule in FY 2019.

# Personnel Listed by Division

### **Administration Division**

State Fire Marshal Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Administrative Secretary Administrative Services Assistant I Public Information Specialist II Public Information Specialist I Kenneth E. Tyree Robert S. Sharp Kathryn Burns Courtney Aston Courtney Rosemond Timothy Rock

### **Fire Services Division**

Deputy State Fire Marshal	Allan Casto
Administrative Service Assistant I	Vacant
Assistant Fire Marshal I	Bradley Scott
Administrative Secretary	Kathryn Wolfe
Data Analyst I	Alice Morrison
Regulatory and Licensing Support Specialist II	Kayla Burns
Regulatory and Licensing Support Specialist II	Caylee Slack
Regulatory and Licensing Support Specialist II	Jody Zinn

### **Fire Inspection & Plans Review Division**

Deputy State Fire Marshal (Acting) Assistant State Fire Marshal III Assistant State Fire Marshal II Assistant State Fire Marshal I Assistant State Fire Marshal in Training Fire Safety Plans Examiner Supervisor Fire Safety Plans Examiner I Fire Safety Plans Examiner I Secretary I Office Assistant II Office Assistant II

John Oliver **Bryan Casto** Jeff Armentrout **Timothy Provaznik Doug Gregory Timothy Mouse Terry Rinehart** Nevin Kilmer Mark Stewart Shawn Petry **Bobby Palmer** John Holben James Lewis Leonard Price **Ronald Williams Everett Chapman Stephen Morrison** James Owens **Clyde Cummings** Jennifer Price **Richard Hacker** Dawn D. Owens Monica J. Ingram Sarah Robinette

### **Fire Investigation Division**

Deputy State Fire Marshal Assistant State Fire Marshal III

Assistant State Fire Marshal II

Assistant State Fire Marshal I

Assistant State Fire Marshal In Training Secretary I Jason D. Baltic George A. Harms Robert S. Rodes, II Ronald Ayersman Tim Chastain Paul Alloway Larry Hamrick Justin England Ryan P. McFarland Rick Sovastion Joseph Vacchio Valerie J. Carpenter



# **Administration Division**

### Introduction

This Division is now comprised of two sections. Administration and Public Education. Both play important roles within the agency, whether it be day to day operations or public awareness campaigns.

### Staff

Chief Deputy Fire Marshal	Robert Sharp
Administrative Secretary	Kathryn Burns
Administrative Services Assistant I	Courtney Aston
Public Information Specialist II	Courtney Rosemond
Public Information Specialist I	Tim Rock

### **Administration Section**

In response to Cabinet Secretary Sandy's initiative to streamline and combine administrative duties within the Department of Military Affairs (DMAPS), the Administrative section initiated many changes during FY 2019. The Administration would like to thank the staff of Administrative Services at DMAPS for their continued assistance during this transition. Especially Melissa Hapney who was the Administrative Services Manager I at the agency until her transfer to DMAPS Administrative Services as an Accounts Payable Supervisor.

The Administration Division in conjunction with Administrative Services at DMAPS is responsible for procurement, accounting, personnel, payroll, cash management, fringe benefits, personnel records management, FOIA requests, Fire Commission meetings, development of the annual report, website management, and fixed assets.

### Procurement

The administrative staff along with DMAPS Admin Services are responsible for the procurement of all goods and services integral to the day-to-day operations of the West Virginia State Fire Commission. In doing so, every effort is extended to ensure that equipment, supplies and services obtained are of the highest quality available. These items are obtained either by statewide contracts, internal resources, or by means of competitive bids solicited from reputable vendors who are registered to do business with the State of West Virginia.

### Personnel

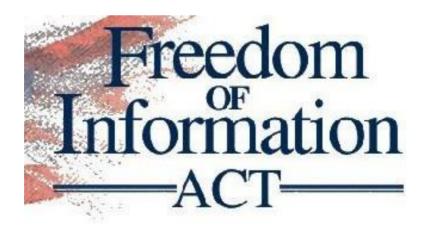
Daily activities for the office include working with Administrative Services at DMASP to ensure the completion of all personnel transactions for agency new hires, transfers, separations, reallocations, leave of absences, and promotions. Administration is also responsible for job postings, managing employee leave, and overseeing worker's compensation claims. This division strives to ensure that the agency is following all state and federal employment regulations.

### Accounting

Administration is responsible for all revenue and expenditure transactions which includes payroll, travel, vendor payments, cash deposits and refunds, fringe benefits plan maintenance, and preparation of and expenditure monitoring of the annual operating budget.

### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

Administration receives, tracks, and monitors all agency Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The Administration Division received two hundred seventy-one (271) FOIA requests last year. Examples of common information requested include Investigation Reports, Inspection Reports and Incident reports from fire departments. Once a request is received, it is distributed to the appropriate internal and external employees for further processing. The Administrative personnel are responsible for invoicing and mailing responsive documents.



### Training

Personnel must stay current on all agency, state, and federal policies. To do so the administrative staff attend many hours of training each year, including the State Treasurer's Conference, the State Purchasing Conference, P-Card Training, State Agency Worker's Compensation Conference, and Division of Personnel Training. Also, administration conducts training for employees on such things as Payroll, Leave, and purchasing procedures and assists them as needed on administrative matters.

### **Public Education Division**



### Introduction:

Public Education is responsible for duties that include, but are not limited to: the development and implementation of public fire and life safety programs and activities statewide; developing a community risk reduction program, smoke alarm initiative, and a West Virginia Public Education Network; Fire and Life Safety School; fire safety resources and public information; and the administration of the Fire-Safe Cigarette certification program for tobacco manufacturers. One of this section's primary goal is to lower the fire death rate in the state, while being an ambassador for the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office.

The Public Education Section works to build strong partnerships and implement action plans around the state with agencies and organizations who will help spread fire prevention initiative and safety.

Through data evaluations we are identifying our high-risk geographic areas and population. Analyzing this information will better target the community risk reduction plan and allow for the best programs and practices.

Partnering with local fire departments, the goal is to provide resources to assure that all residential structures have working smoke alarms.

### **Objective:**

The Public Education Section promotes programs that aim to reduce loss of life and property through education, including but not limited to, the following:

- Fire and injury prevention for all groups, including high-risk (seniors, people with disabilities, young children)
- Train-the-trainer instruction in public fire/life safety education for firefighters and other emergency responders
- Fireworks law and safety for general audiences
- Smoke alarm education and distribution programs
- Fire safety and emergency planning for public facilities
- Public speaking for civic, governmental and advocacy organizations
- Participation in health and public safety fairs/seminars, and career days
- Membership and active participation in health/safety organizations
- Press conferences, TV, radio interviews, media promotion of fire safety and related topics
- Coordinating loan and distribution of educational materials to fire departments, safety groups, schools, businesses and the public

### **Special Projects:**

**WV State Fire Marshal's Office Anniversary:** July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 marked the 110th anniversary of the WV Fire Marshal's Office as an agency. Leading up to the celebration of the agency's inception, a historical publication was researched, interviews were conducted, and data was gathered. The 120 plus page publication is a history of the office over the course of the last 110 years. The book includes biographies from each of the 19 fire marshals, past staff, programs and large-scale investigations as well as sections on duty weapons, uniforms and badges.

**Safety Summit:** The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's office held the 3rd Annual WV Fire Safety Summit Dinner sponsored in partnership with the National Fire Protection Association. The 2019 Summit was held on Thursday, May 9th, topics covered were, "Creating a Public Education Experience", and "Motivating your Audience for Behavior Change," The purpose of this summit is to bring together all stakeholders who have a vested interest in reducing risk and protecting life in their communities. There were 40 people in total in attendance at this year's summit.

An awards ceremony also took place at the summit, with Andrew Dotson of the Morgantown Fire Department being honored as the WV Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year. Multiple fire departments from across the state were also recognized for their dedication to the Home Fire Campaign which, in partnership with the WV branches of the American Red Cross, installs free smoke alarms in the departments' respective communities. The departments recognized were the St. Albans Fire Department, Princeton Fire Department, Lewisburg Fire Department, Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department. Logan County 200 Volunteer Fire Department. Beverly Volunteer Fire Department and Parson Volunteer Fire Department.



Pictured above: State Fire Marshal Tyree, WV Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year Andrew Dotson, Chief Deputy Robert Sharp, Public Information Specialist II Courtney Rosemond and Public Information Specialist I Timothy Rock.

**Fire Safety Poster Contest** – The third annual State Fire Marshal Fire Safety Poster Contest took place during the 2018 school year. The contest is an opportunity for elementary school-age students to learn about fire safety education. The research undertaken by the students on fire prevention and fire safety will be of great benefit to the lives of the students, their families, and their communities. This contest recognizes students who demonstrate an understanding of the issues related to fire safety.

In 2018, the agency received a total of 135 submissions from all over the state. Students in grades K-5th designed fire safety messages judged by DMAPS Cabinet Secretary Jeff Sandy, Executive Assistant to the First Lady, Vicki Shannon, and State Schools Superintendent Dr. Steve Payne. The poster submissions are made into safety

calendars that are distributed to the winners, schools and fire departments. The winner of the contest and the 11 honorable mentions are visited by the Fire Marshal where they are recognized and given a plaque for their hard work.



DMAPS Cabinet Secretary Sandy, State Fire Marshal Tyree, State Superintendent of Schools Steven Paine and Executive Assistant to the First Lady Vicki Shannon look over the Fire Safety Poster Contestants submissions.

### **Miscellaneous Projects**

- State Representative for National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- •State Representative for Vision 20/20 Fire Strategies for Fire Loss Prevention
- Administrator of all social media interactions.
- Implementation of smoke alarms in homes
- •TV, Radio and Newspaper Interviews (taped and live)
- Press Releases to television and radio stations, newspapers, fire departments and State agencies
- •Coordinated SFMO participation at safety/health fairs/expos.
- •Gave instruction in Community Risk Reduction at RESA's eSCAPE2017

- •Assisted in providing Fire and Life Safety class at Wood County Fire School.
- Participated in WV Office of EMS Children's Advisory Board task force.
- •Assisted in coordinating seminars for civilian fire wardens, fire service and code enforcement.
- Participated in Child Fatality Review Board meetings.
- •Testing certifications issued to tobacco manufacturers under the Fire Safe Cigarette Certification program.



# **Fire Services Division**

The Fire Services Division consists of two sections, Licensing and Regulatory, and Fire Department Services. Both play an important role in the operation of the Fire Marshal's Office.

### Staff

Deputy State Fire Marshal	Allan Casto
Assistant Fire Marshal I	Bradley Scott
Administrative Secretary	Kathryn Wolfe
Data Analyst I	Alice Morrison
Regulatory and Licensing Support Specialist II	Kayla Burns
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### **Regulatory and Licensing Section**

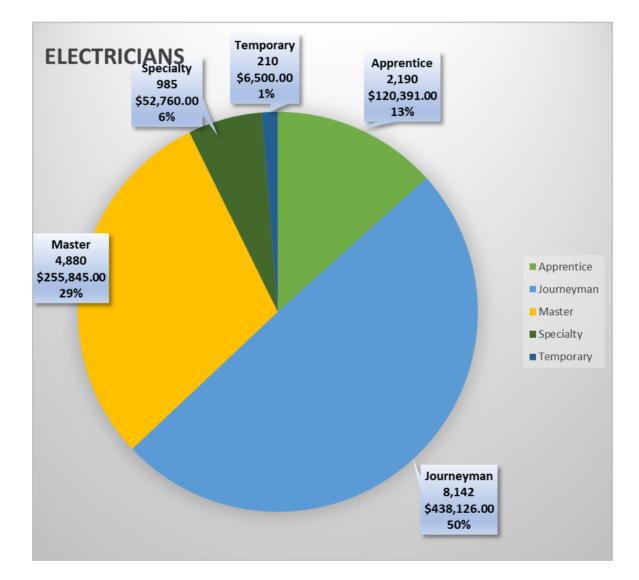
### OBJECTIVE

Our mission as the Regulatory and Licensing Division is to ensure that the citizens of West Virginia have a safer standard of living. We provide the general public and our licensures with information concerning state laws and regulations as pertaining to the 7 programs and over 50 licenses/permits issued through the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office.

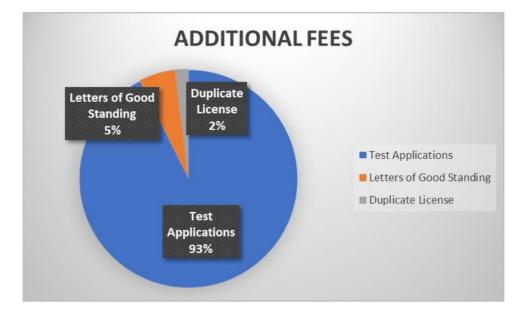
### INTRODUCTION

The division regulates and issues licenses to over 18,500 individuals on a yearly basis. Our staff is committed to validating each individual applicant to ensure they meet the proper guidelines and background requirements as set forth by the state prior to securing a position to sit for testing and issuing a license or permit. Our office is responsible for proctoring 12 Electrical Exams a year in 4 different cities throughout the state. In addition to licensing, the office is responsible for the issuance of permits for the fireworks and explosives industry.

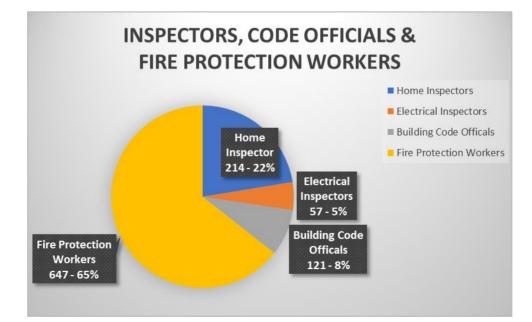
ELECTRICIANS		
Type of Permit	Number Issued	Total Fees Collected
Apprentice	2,190	\$120,391.00
Journeyman	8,142	\$438,126.00
Master	4,880	\$255,845.00
Specialty	985	\$52,760.00
Temporary	210	\$6,500.00
TOTAL	16,407	\$873,622.00



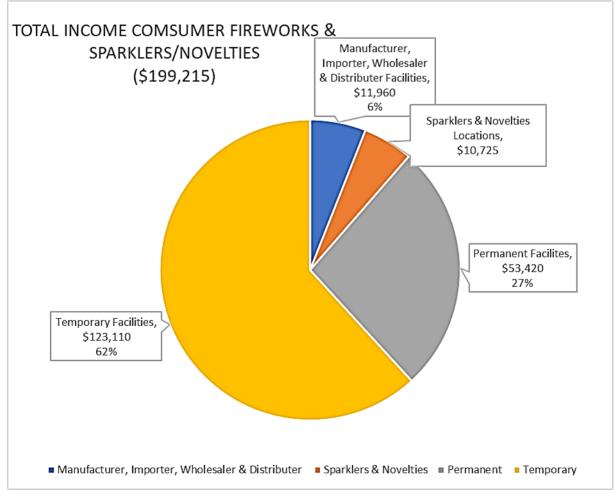
ADDITIONAL FEES		
Test Fees	Number	Total Fees Collected
Test Applications	2679	\$44,120.00
Letters of Good Standing	156	\$2,925.00
Duplicate License	57	\$590.00



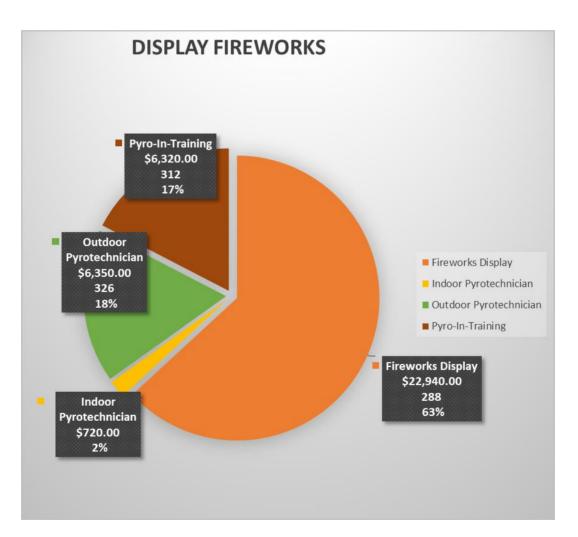
INSPECTORS, CODE OFFICIALS & FIRE PROTECTION WORKERS		
Type of Permit	Number Issued	Total Fees Collected
Home Inspectors	214	\$25,025.00
Electrical Inspectors	57	\$5,500.00
Building Code Officals	121	\$9,175.00
Fire Protection Workers	647	\$71,900.00
TOTAL	1039	\$111,600.00



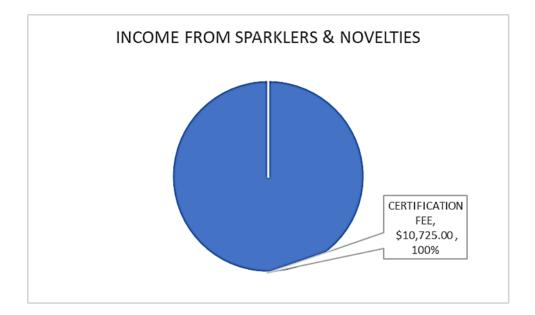
FIREWORKS LICENSES & REVEN	UE	
Type of Facility	Number of Licenses	Total Income
Manufacturer, Importer,		
Wholesaler & Distributer	20	\$11,960.00
Sparklers & Novelties	714	\$10,725.00
Permanent	53	\$53,420.00
Temporary	228	\$123,110.00
Magazine Storage	181	\$16,600.00
Fireworks Display	288	\$22,940.00
Pyrotechnic Licenses	362	\$7,070.00
Pyrotechnic In Training	312	\$6,320.00
Totals	2158	\$252,145.00



DISPLAY FIREWORKS		
Type of Permit	Number Issued	Total Fees Collected
Fireworks Display	28	\$\$22,940.00
Indoor Pyrotechnician	3	5 \$720.00
Outdoor Pyrotechnician	32	5 \$6,350.00
Pyro-In-Training	31	\$6,320.00
TOTAL	96	2 \$36,330.00

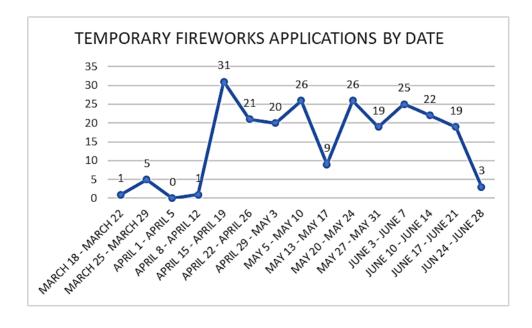


SPARKLERS & NOVELTIES	
CERTIFICATION FEE	\$ 10,725.00

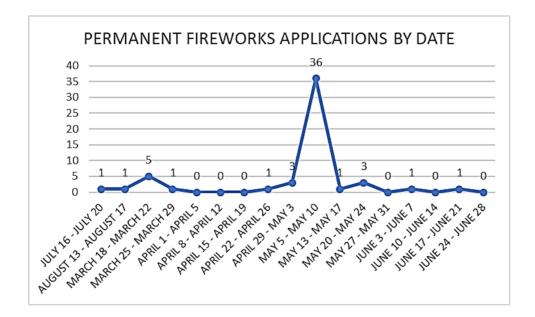


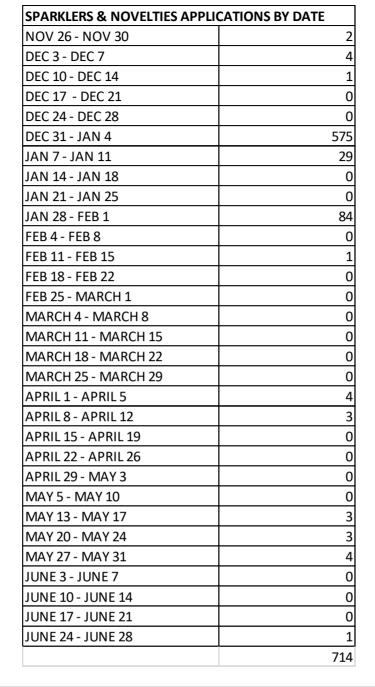


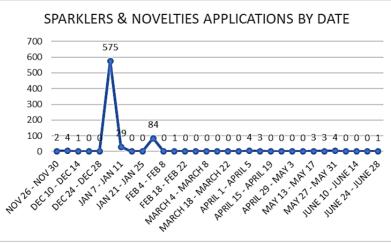
TEMPORARY FIREWORKS APPLICATIONS BY DATE		
MARCH 18 - MARCH 22	1	
MARCH 25 - MARCH 29	5	
APRIL 1 - APRIL 5	0	
APRIL 8 - APRIL 12	1	
APRIL 15 - APRIL 19	31	
APRIL 22 - APRIL 26	21	
APRIL 29 - MAY 3	20	
MAY 5 - MAY 10	26	
MAY 13 - MAY 17	9	
MAY 20 - MAY 24	26	
MAY 27 - MAY 31	19	
JUNE 3 - JUNE 7	25	
JUNE 10 - JUNE 14	22	
JUNE 17 - JUNE 21	19	
JUN 24 - JUNE 28	3	
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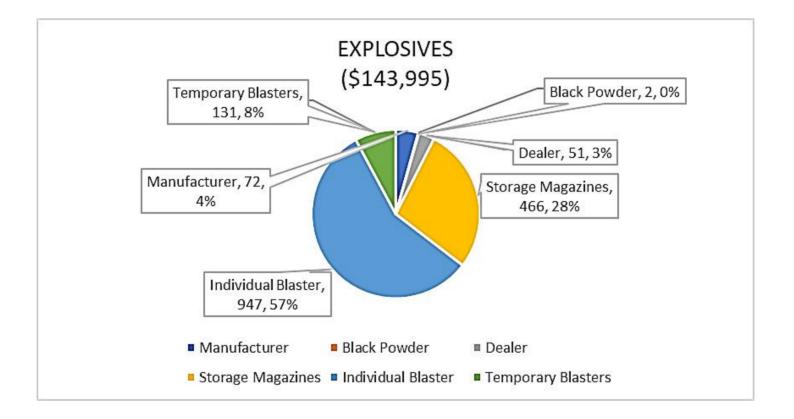
PERMANENT FIREWORKS APPLICATIONS BY DATE		
JULY 16 - JULY 20	1	
AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 17	1	
MARCH 18 - MARCH 22	5	
MARCH 25 - MARCH 29	1	
APRIL 1 - APRIL 5	0	
APRIL 8 - APRIL 12	0	
APRIL 15 - APRIL 19	0	
APRIL 22 - APRIL 26	1	
APRIL 29 - MAY 3	3	
MAY 5 - MAY 10	36	
MAY 13 - MAY 17	1	
MAY 20 - MAY 24	3	
MAY 27 - MAY 31	0	
JUNE 3 - JUNE 7	1	
JUNE 10 - JUNE 14	0	
JUNE 17 - JUNE 21	1	
JUNE 24 - JUNE 28	0	
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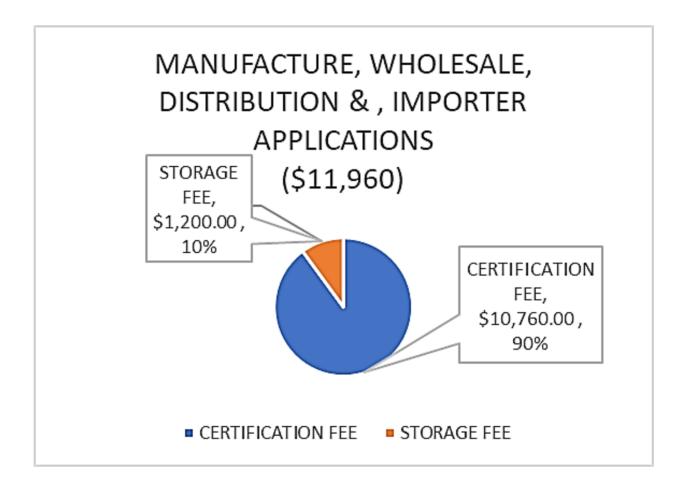




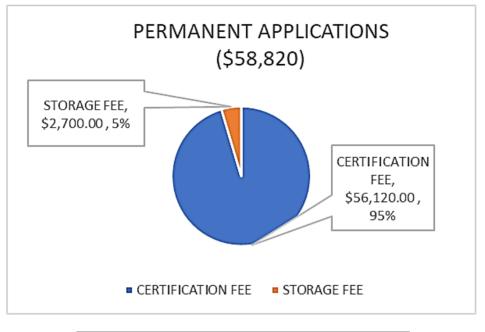
EXPLOSIVES		
Type of Facility	Number of Licenses	Total Income
Manufacturer	72	\$11,750.00
Black Powder	2	\$100.00
Dealer	51	\$12,380.00
Storage Magazines	466	\$47,640.00
Individual Blaster	947	\$61,340.00
Temporary Blasters	131	\$10,785.00
Totals	1669	\$143,995.00



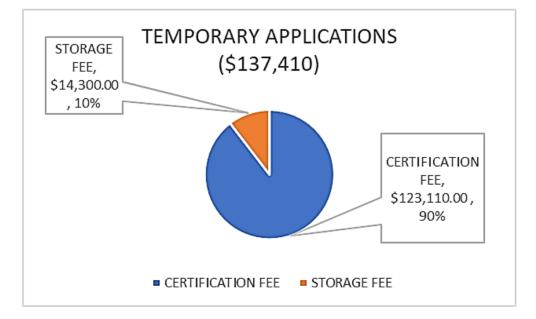
MWD & I APPLICATIONS	
CERTIFICATION FEE	\$ 10,760.00
STORAGE FEE	\$ 1,200.00
TOTALS	\$ 11,960.00



PERMANENT APPLICATIONS	
CERTIFICATION FEE	\$ 56,120.00
STORAGE FEE	\$ 2,700.00
TOTALS	\$ 58,820.00



TEMPORARY APPLICATIONS	
CERTIFICATION FEE	\$ 123,110.00
STORAGE FEE	\$ 14,300.00
TOTALS	\$ 137,410.00



# **Fire Department Services Section**



The Division oversees, consults and assists all 439 certified fire departments in the State of West Virginia and provides information and guidance to new fire departments seeking certification.

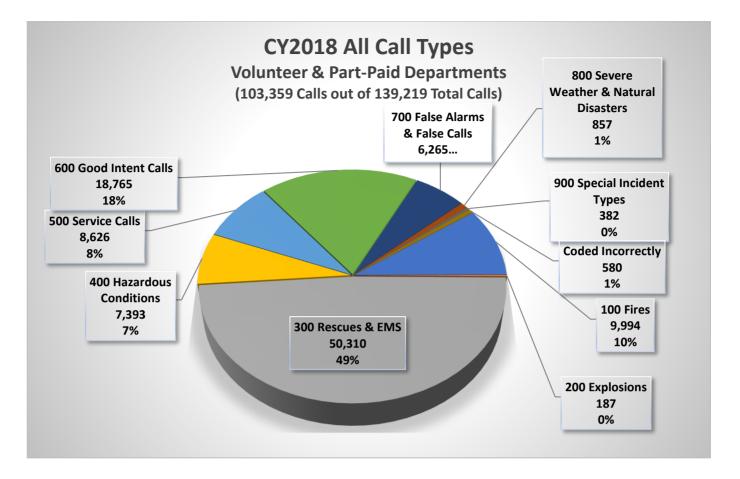
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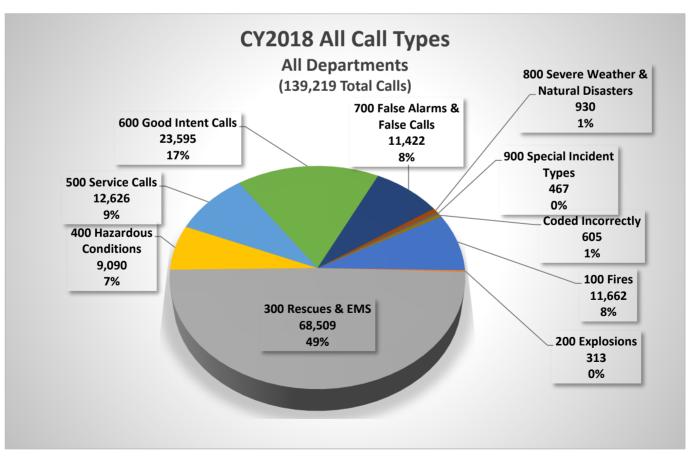
- Completed 101 evaluations of Fire Departments. 85 of the Fire Departments were Re-Certified. Out of a total of 101 Recertifications, 36 received perfect evaluations.
- Received 17 complaints on fire departments.
- Worked with WVU Fire Service Extension, participating in the Jr. Fire Fighter Camp. 94 campers from several different states attended the week-long event.
- Issued 514 Emergency Vehicle Permits (143 Apparatus and 371 Private).
- Deactivated 685 Emergency Vehicle permits (155 Apparatus and 530 Private).
- Denied 155 Emergency Vehicle Permit applications due to expired or missing documentation (35 Apparatus and 120 Private).
  Total Active permits permits permits and at C 08C (2.185 Apparatus and 2.001 Private).

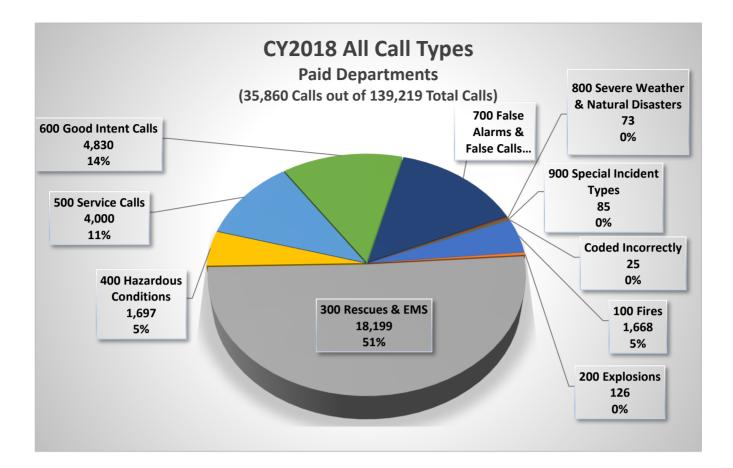
Total Active permits now stand at 6,086 (3,185 Apparatus and 2,901 Private).

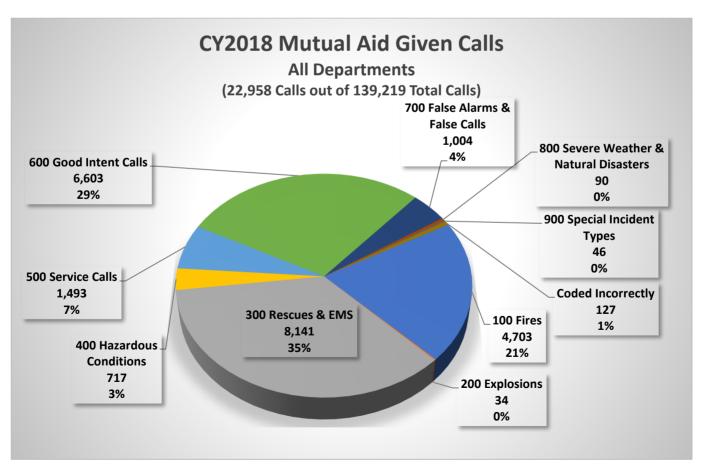
- Fielded approximately 1,500 calls, with the majority of those asking for assistance with the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).
- Assisted 21 Fire Departments with grant research using data from NFIRS.
- Assisted several outside agencies with research, varying in nature, using data from NFIRS or funding applications.
- Offered remote tech support for NFIRS related issues using the Bomgar Support Portal. A total of 26 remote tech support sessions were held.
- Designed the WVFIRS WV Fire Incident Reporting System workspace on Slack.com, to better assist our departments in the evenings and weekends with their incident reporting. As of 06/30/19 members total 92, representing 38 counties, and 85 fire departments.
- Processed and evaluated 35 Fire Officer Equivalencies (16 Fire Officer 1, 19 Fire Officer 2). A total of 35 (16 FO1, 19 FO2) were approved.
- Processed 156 FOIA requests (down 14 from last year) for incident reports which were compiled.
- Processed 102 requests for Naloxone for 98 departments in 31 counties, shipping a total of 4,825 doses. (See Map 1 – Naloxone Project.)
- Taught Fire Officer Orientation at the Escape training weekend. 22 students attended. Also participated in the round-table discussion of the Fire Service.

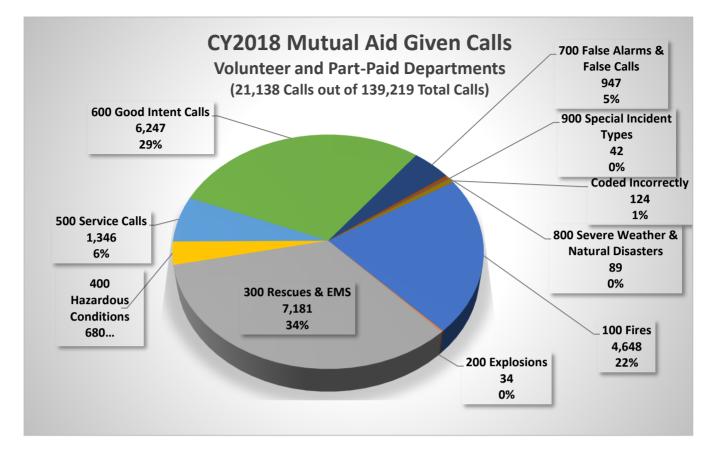
Due to Legislation allowing for a grace period for submission of fire loss data, Fiscal year 2018-2019 will not be available until after January 01, 2020. The following data is from Calendar year 2018 (January 01-December 31). A total of 135,531 responses (up 3,688 from last year) were reported by all West Virginia Fire Departments. Attached are charts and graphs depicting a limited breakdown of those responses.

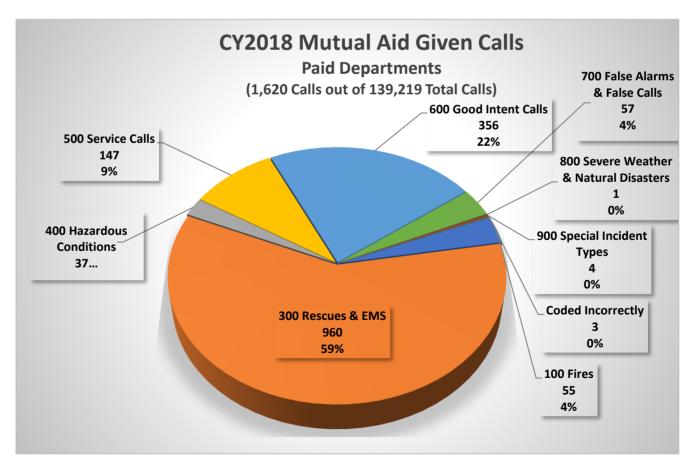












#### Summary By Incident Type

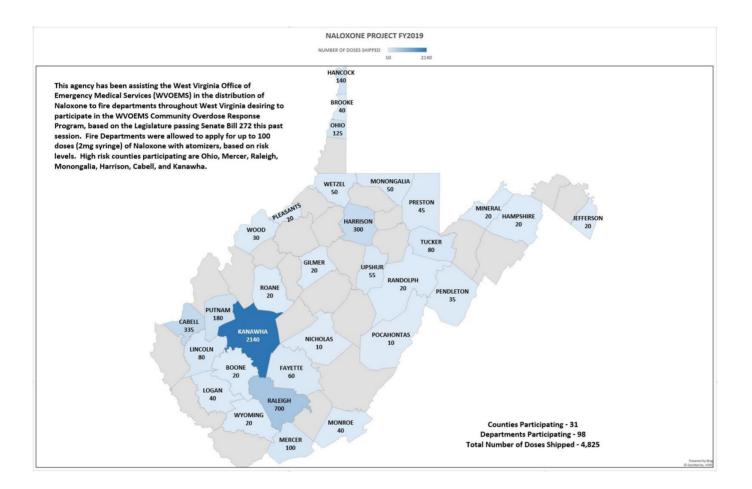
Report Period: From 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

Calls By Incident Type Mutual Mutual Mutual Aid Given Percent Of Aid Aid Other Aid Invalid Aid Total FIRES Frequency Received Exposures Total Calls Incidents None Given Flag Structure Fires (110-118, 120-123) ..... 3,585 3.08 % 1,812 3,534 1,762 10 61 7,180 1 Vehicle Fires (130-138) .... 1,169 1.01 % 830 393 332 7 0 25 1,587 Other Fires (100, 140-173) ..... 2,895 2,148 1.85 % 1,656 743 475 15 2 4 Total Fires ... 6,902 5.93 % 4,298 4,670 2,569 32 3 90 11,662 Pressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (200-251) 0 24 % 280 207 72 0 0 313 33 1 RESCUE CALLS Emergency Medical Treatment (300-323) 59,043 50.76 % 50,803 7,274 7,832 390 18 0 66,317 All Others (331-381) ..... 2,193 1,732 1.49 % 1,364 461 352 16 0 0 Total Rescue Calls ..... 60,775 52.25 % 52,167 7,735 8,184 406 18 0 68,510 Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482) ..... 7.23 % 9,091 8,409 7,551 682 820 35 3 0 9 62 % 585 56 3 0 12,627 Service Calls (500-571) ...... 11.190 10.546 1.437 Good Intent Calls (600-671) ...... 17 042 14.65 % 14 397 6 553 2 587 50 8 0 23.595 Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls (800-815) 845 0.73 % 785 85 55 5 0 0 930 Special Incident Calls (900-911) ..... 442 0.38 % 412 25 21 0 0 467 9 Unknown Incident Type (UUU) ..... 0 0.00 % 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 FALSE CALLS Malicious Calls (710-715, 751) 415 0.36 % 337 61 75 2 476 1 0 Other False Calls (700, 721-746) 10,017 8.61 % 8,791 929 1,211 0 10,946 13 2 Total False Calls ..... 10,432 8.97 % 990 1,286 14 4 0 11,422 9,128 TOTAL CALLS ..... 116,317 100.00 % 99,491 22,210 16,167 620 39 90 138,617

**All Selected Fire Departments** 

Total	Incidents With Exposure Fires		67	Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$ 92,206,176.00
Total	Exposure Fires		90	Total Dollar Loss	\$ 93,658,092.00
Casu	alty Summary	Civilian	Fire Servic	e	
	Fire Related Injuries	86	40		
	Non-Fire Injuries	133	10		
	Fire Related Deaths	35	C		
	Non-Fire Deaths	31	2		

County     Fire (No Fire)     Over- pressure, (No Fire)     Rescue 2 (No Fire)     Barano (No Fire)     Servica 8 (No fire)     Good Infen     Severe bilasme Calls     Severe Calls     Severe bilasme Calls     Severe Calls     Severe Calls     Severe bilasme	<b>Grand</b> <b>Total</b> 875 6,087 1,489 1,138 2,672 6,404 160 562 587 1,745 152 620 0 2 500
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28 Mercer 354 6 1,103 368 378 515 505 39 19 4	3,291
29     Mingo     179     5     593     58     157     69     130     18     33     1	1,243
30 Mineral 380 5 2,687 148 417 958 239 54 5 0	4,893
31 Monongalia 410 4 2,734 361 679 2,205 950 34 7 49	7,433
32 Monroe 53 0 116 22 8 18 7 5 0 5	234
33     Morgan     181     1     318     69     76     343     58     2     0     12	1,060
34     Nicholas     128     4     798     76     124     254     39     10     3     11	1,447
35     Ohio     240     42     6,111     429     946     1,016     902     12     13     1	9,712
36     Pendleton     75     0     171     19     40     74     8     1     0     3       37     Placearta     35     4     370     39     47     60     9     4     1     0     3	391
37     Pleasants     35     1     278     38     47     60     9     1     1     0       38     Pocahontas     76     0     868     78     51     143     101     2     1     66	470 1,326
38     Pocanontas     76     0     868     78     51     143     101     2     1     6       39     Preston     185     2     671     105     55     203     36     28     7     21	1,326
40     Putnam     263     2     1,539     220     187     811     249     19     12     0	3,302
41 Raleigh 365 9 2,564 390 513 571 500 44 63 53	5,072
42 Randolph 203 0 688 137 145 243 89 27 7 12	1,551
43 <b>Ritchie</b> 107 1 369 64 57 144 16 11 2 11	782
44     Roane     93     1     269     133     41     70     21     11     4     13	656
45 <b>Summers</b> 75 1 167 106 29 101 43 10 13 2	547
46     Taylor     81     5     257     44     137     49     49     3     3     0	628
47     Tucker     21     1     217     127     42     45     19     5     0     0       40     T     5     1     5     1	477
48     Tyler     67     4     565     163     102     93     18     3     0     0       49     Upshur     170     7     1,253     302     206     451     79     19     4     0	1,015 2,491
49     Opsnut     170     7     1,253     302     206     451     79     19     4     0       50     Wayne     166     3     523     94     37     208     117     7     8     7	2,491
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54     Wood     400     38     3,791     395     1,016     1,061     530     21     10     1	170
55 Wyoming 111 3 806 70 76 153 29 6 30 16	7,263
Grand Total     11,662     313     68,509     9,090     12,626     23,595     11,422     930     467     605	



Fire Safety Inspection & Plans Review Division Acting Deputy State Fire Marshal John D. Oliver



Ohio County Sports Complex - Triadelphia, WV

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Fire Safety Inspection/Plans Review Division is mandated by Chapter 29, Article 3 "Fire Prevention and Control Act" to conduct fire and life safety inspections in all types of occupancies except one and two family dwellings. The division's duties and responsibilities also include:

- Issuance of citations for fire code violations, including but not limited to, locking or blocking of exits, tampering with fire protection equipment, and blocking fire lanes.
- Assists the Licensing & Regulatory Division in the enforcement of the licensing programs, electrician, fire protection worker, fireworks, blasters etc.
- Enforcement of fireworks regulations; monitoring of display sites, investigation of complaints, seizure of illegal fireworks.
- Enforcement of blasting regulations and inspection of explosives magazines, investigation of blasting complaints.
- Enforcement of forest fire burning laws
- Regulation of aboveground flammable liquid storage tanks.
- Conduct fire safety training educational seminars and public fire education.
- Provide assistance to the Fire Investigation Division on large loss fires or fatalities.
- Provide assistance to law enforcement agencies when requested.
- Provide assistance to local fire departments when requested.
- Assist federal government in the implementation of the Federal Hotel/Motel Fire Safety Act.
- Response to disasters
- Administers licensing tests
- Administers the Certified Fire Inspector Program for NFPA
- Assist with conducting fire department evaluations/follow-ups
- Conduct fire investigations in buildings that are normally inspected by the Fire Inspection division.

The Division consists of one (1) Field Deputy Fire Marshal, three (3) Assistant Fire Marshal III (Field Supervisors), sixteen (16) Assistant Fire Marshals, one (1) Fire Safety Plans Examiner Supervisor, two (2) Fire Safety Plans Examiners, one (1) Divisional Secretary and two (2) Office Assistants. The Assistant Fire Marshals are assigned to a designated geographical territory ranging from two (2) to six (6) counties. Four (4) Divisional personnel also assist with the review of plans when necessary in addition to their inspection duties. Three (3) newly hired divisional members since July 1, 2018. This year was the first year of the Fire Marshal Academy, held at the WVU State Fire Training Center in Jacksons Mill, WV. Several members of the inspection division, two (2) members of the investigation division and members of municipal fire departments attended the academy. All Assistant Fire Marshals serve as liaisons for all Fire Marshal services with local fire departments, municipal governments and the general public.

## II. FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

This fiscal year, five thousand nine hundred eighty-eight (5,988) fire safety inspections, consultations, and complaints were conducted by the division. Included in this year's report are the number of complaint and system inspections in individual charts by occupancy. Also included is a chart for the past five years of inspections by occupancy. Note that educational occupancies continue to dominate the largest number of inspections. Also included in this year's report are the number of licensing checks that were conducted. Three thousand five hundred seventy-one (3,571) checks were conducted and are broken down by the type of license that is required for each craft.

In addition to fire safety inspections, a significant number of man-hours were expended conducting fire safety training and educational programs, administering licensing tests, assisting the fire investigation division and department training. Additional educational programs include: in-service training to county school maintenance and educational staffs, presentations to the West Virginia Landlords Association, Department of Health and Human Services social workers and sanitarians, West Virginia Advocate, Day Care providers and Residential Board & Care providers, Building Code officials and the West Virginia Hospital Engineers Association.

Professional development of our divisional staff continues to be a high priority. Our focus on technology will continue to simplify our business processes, making our services more accessible to our customers. Our divisional personnel are constantly striving to improve their skills and knowledge by attending advanced educational programs.

Two of our most significant projects that continue during this past fiscal year are the Proctor and Gamble complex and Rockwool an insulation company located in the Eastern Panhandle.





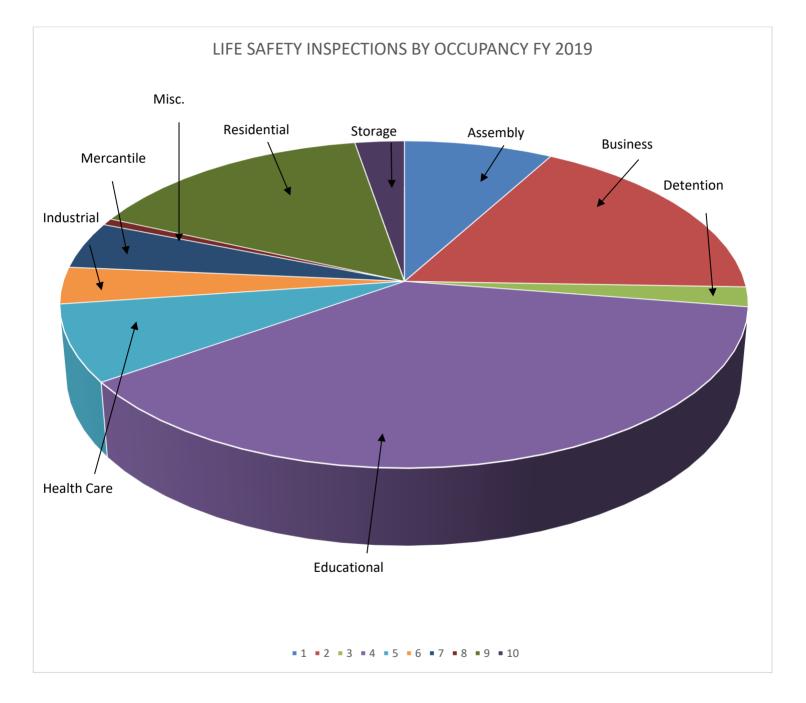


Numerous citations were issued this past fiscal year for various fire code violations, ranging from locked exits, illegal storage of fireworks to improper licensing and illegal/improper explosives/blasting. The majority of citations were written to inmates housed in the various regional jails for tampering with sprinkler heads.

# FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS BY OCCUPANCY FY 2019

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ASSEMBLY	55	193	62	26	26	41	38	18	20	479
Class A	7	37	7	5	8	5	3	3	4	79
Class B	9	46	17	5	5	9	9	2	6	108
Class C	39	110	38	16	13	27	26	13	10	292
BUSINESS	74	327	54	403	25	55	73	20	20	1051
DETENTION		5	2	100	1	1		3	4	116
EDUCATIONAL	56	126	63	1868	58	24	18	9	35	2257
Day Cares	48	7	5	448	36	8	3		4	559
Schools	7	115	57	1360	21	14	15	9	31	1629
Colleges & Universities	1	4	1	60	1	2	0	0	0	69
HEALTH CARE	153	77	17	141	9	25	6	11	16	455
Hospitals	151	52	8	1	0	19	3	7	4	245
Nursing Homes	0	23	8	136	7	6	3	4	12	199
Ambulatory Care	2	2	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	11
INDUSTRIAL	3	111	41	4	1	16	33	9	0	218
MERCANTILE	22	130	40	2	12	26	22	17	8	279
Class A	1	19	14	1	0	3	1	4	0	43
Class B	8	43	14	1	4	11	12	8	3	104
Class C	13	68	12	0	8	12	9	5	5	132
MISCELLANEOUS	5	4	1	11	4	1	4	6	4	40
RESIDENTIAL	21	282	118	313	36	12	59	80	13	934
Hotel/Motel	5	35	7	3	5	2	1	14	2	74
Apartments	5	140	22	4	9	1	48	33	7	269
Dormitory	0	16	8	78	6	1	2	13	1	125
Rooming/Lodging	6	30	13	69	3	3	4	0	1	129
Dwellings	0	1	57	8	1	0	0	18	1	86
Board & Care	5	60	11	151	12	5	4	2	1	251
STORAGE	7	61	5	16	39	8	18	2	3	159
TOTALS	396	1316	403	2884	211	209	271	175	123	5988

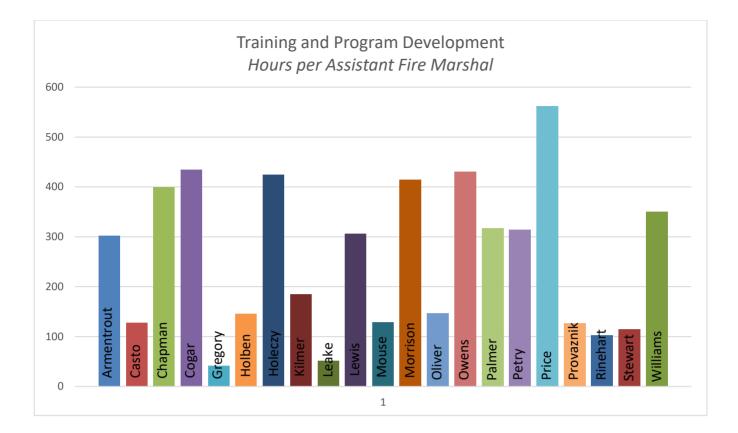


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FY2019		Type of	Complain	its		
OCCUPANCY	BLASTING	ELECTRICAL	FIRE CODE	LICENSING	FIREWORKS	TOTALS
ASSEMBLY	0	5	23	0	0	28
BUSINESS	0	8	24	2	0	34
DAY CARES	0	0	0	0	0	0
DETENTION	0	0	3	0	0	3
EDUCATIONAL	0	1	10	0	0	11
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	0	0	0	0	0	0
HEALTH CARE	0	0	13	1	0	14
INDUSTRIAL	1	6	3	1	0	11
MERCANTILE	0	4	14	0	1	19
MISCELLANEOUS	9	5	39	1	0	54
RESIDENTIAL	6	22	74	0	0	102
STORAGE	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL BY TYPE	16	51	205	5	1	278

FY 2019		TYPE OF SYSTEM							
OCCUPANCY	FAS	AES	FIRE PUMP	FM200	GENERATOR	HVAC	SMOKE MGMT	SPKR	TOTALS
ASSEMBLY	14	48	0	0	0	0	1	4	67
BUSINESS	43	6	1	2	2	6	0	17	77
DAY CARES	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
DETENTION	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
EDUCATIONAL	31	5	1	0	0	13	0	7	57
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HEALTH CARE	20	3	0	0	2	1	0	9	35
INDUSTRIAL	23	2	1	1	0	0	0	13	40
MERCANTILE	10	11	0	0	0	3	0	16	40
MISCELLANEOUS	5	5	1	0	2	0	0	3	16
RESIDENTIAL	40	4	0	0	0	0	0	33	77
STORAGE	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	6
TOTAL BY TYPE	195	85	6	3	6	24	1	105	425

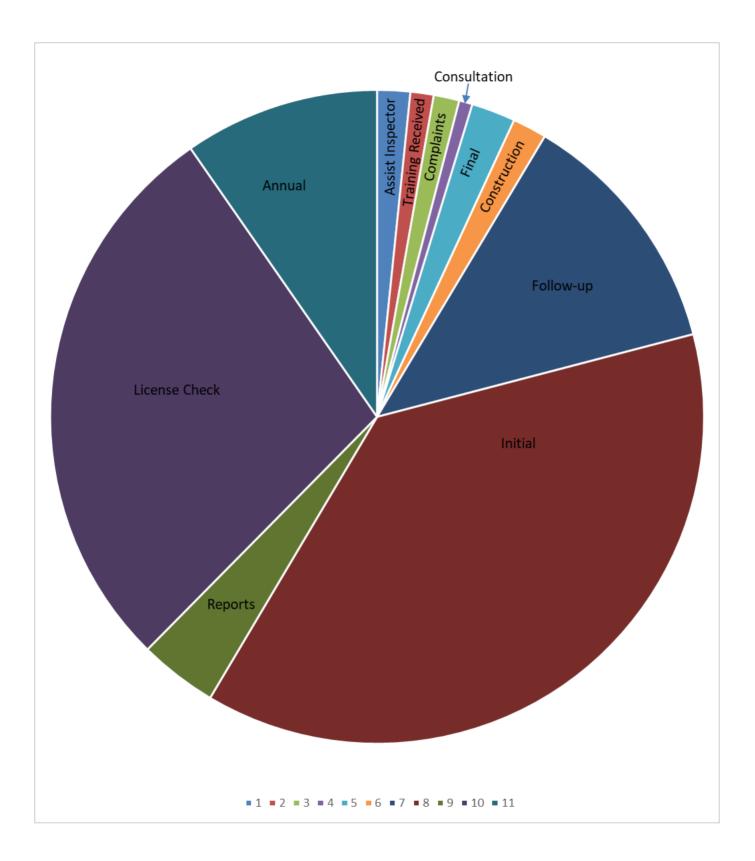
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ARMENTROUT	217	54	35	21	327		
CASTO, BRYAN	66	17	10	0	93		
CHAPMAN	103	27	4	4	138		
COGAR	58	15	19	2	94		
GREGORY	131	25	7	0	163		
HARMISON	0	2	1	6	9		
HOLBEN	72	53	31	0	156		
HOLECZY	20	2	0	0	22		
KILMER	232	83	36	13	364		
LEWIS	34	15	15	23	87		
MORRISON	4	0	0	0	4		
MOUSE	94	31	17	14	156		
OLIVER	14	7	2	36	59		
OWENS	105	16	8	0	129		
PALMER	87	25	7	10	129		
PETRY	37	7	16	7	67		
PRICE	59	24	5	20	108		
PROVAZNIK	138	65	36	31	270		
RINEHART	585	200	0	23	808		
STEWART	22	45	12	55	134		
WILLIAMS	150	26	28	50	254		
TOTALS	2228	739	289	315	3571		

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Rockwool Insulation Manufacturing Company



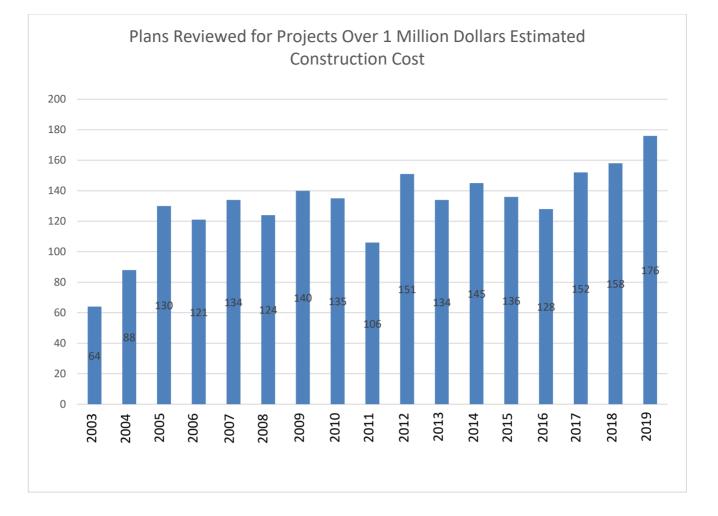
### III. PLANS REVIEW DIVISION

The Plans Review Section dedicates a significant amount of time and research to telephone calls and walk-in consultations with architects, engineers, contractors, and owners regarding code interpretations. These direct contacts assist designers and owners with proper code requirements during the early development of the project under consideration. These contacts are not a formal review of plans; however, this procedure has proven to eliminate costly and time-consuming changes during the design and construction phase of the project. In addition, this section assists the public and business owners in answering general fire code questions thru telephone calls and various types of other correspondence.

This section accomplishes a formal review of the plans when construction documents are submitted. This is an in-depth review of all architectural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing plans for code compliance. Specialized systems such as fire alarms, automatic sprinkler systems, hood suppression and smoke management systems are reviewed at the time of submittal from the fire protection company.

This fiscal year one thousand four hundred forty-six (1,446) plans were reviewed. In the past five years we have reviewed and provided construction inspections for occupancy for over seven billion dollars of construction. In an effort to become more efficient during the review, construction and final inspection for occupancy stages, on large projects both the reviewer and area fire marshal will conduct the review process and inspection stages until the building is occupied.

Also, beginning this fiscal year the Plans Review Section will be accepting architectural, fire alarm, sprinkler, hood suppression plans on electronic format and will be saved on an external hard drive. This should help eliminate large hard copy rolls of plans submitted for review that are mandated to be kept for a minimum of three years.



# Plans Reviewed by Occupancy FY14-FY19

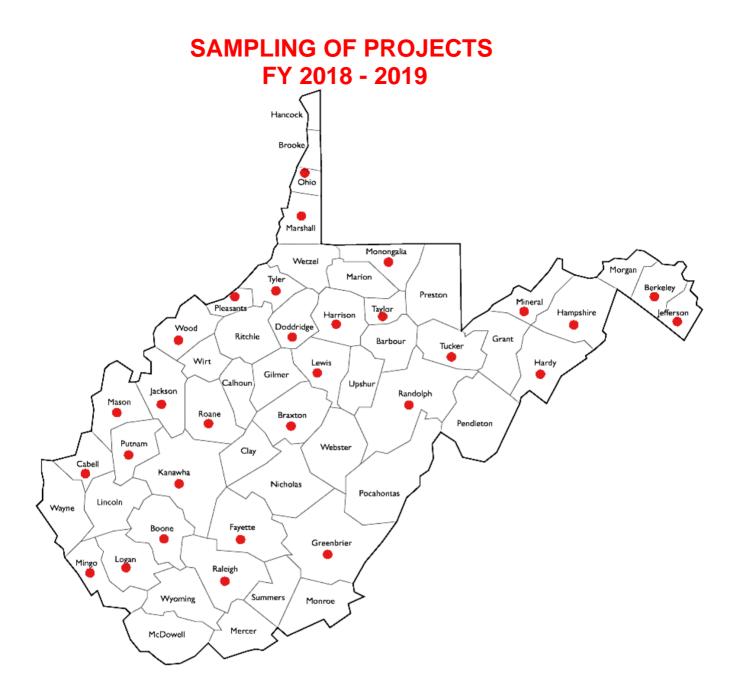
OCCUPANCY	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
EDUCATIONAL	210	126	151	144	131	119
ASSEMBLY	302	287	240	264	218	311
HEALTH CARE	143	107	140	118	131	109
DETENTION	11	6	4	5	6	7
RESIDENTIAL	170	258	252	213	198	154
MERCANTILE	272	278	250	314	229	230
BUSINESS	423	255	306	344	310	296
INDUSTRIAL	34	78	57	62	132	99
STORAGE	63	68	70	70	88	61
DAY CARE	28	21	15	15	9	20
RB&C	18	10	18	16	34	40
TOTALS	1674	1494	1503	1565	1486	1446



# PLANS REVIEWED by TYPE FY 2013 – FY 2019

TYPE OF PLAN	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
ARCHITECHTURAL	648	608	648	643	549	617
SPRINKLER SYSTEM	284	258	283	294	308	256
HOOD SUPP. SYSTEM	192	173	120	141	165	134
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	472	392	410	439	406	374
FM 200 SYSTEM	2	9	4	6	2	0
AGST	33	29	21	27	37	36
CARPET	42	25	17	15	16	19
UNCLASSIFIED	1	0	0	0	3	10
TOTALS	1674	1494	1503	1565	1486	1446

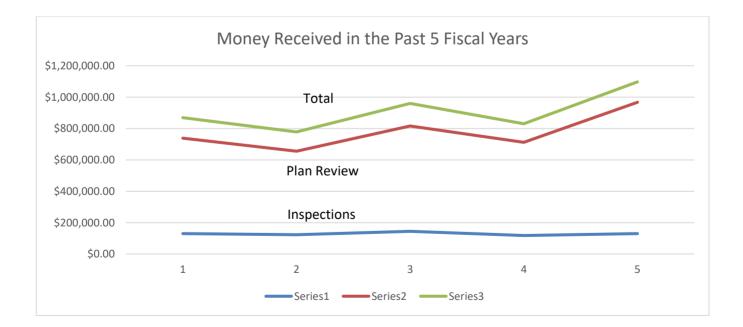




Berkeley – WVU Berkeley Medical Center Boone – Post Ridge Apartments Braxton – Elk River Wildlife Management Area Cabell – St. Mary's Medical Center Neurology Unit Doddridge – West Union Par Mar Addition Fayette – WV Office of Miner's Health Safety & Training Center Greenbrier – WVSOM – James R. Stookey Library Hampshire – Valley Health Hampshire Memorial Hospital MOB Hardy – E.A. Hawse Nursing & Rehabilitation Harrison – Christian Apostolic Church Jackson – Al Rec Furnace Building Jefferson – Marshalls – Potomac Marketplace Kanawha – Stonerise Eastbrook Renovations Lewis – WVDOH District 7 Multipurpose Building & Lab Logan – Southern WV Health Systems Marshall – Marshall County Readiness Center Mason – Jerry's Run Fuel Station Mineral – Keyser Greene Apartments Mingo – Aquaponics Facility Monongalia – Ascend Hotel Ohio - Menards Pleasants – Solvay TEA Polymer Building Putnam – Wingate by Wyndham Raleigh – FMRS – 12 Bed Residential Treatment Randolph – Elkins High School Roane – Roane General Hospital Addition Taylor – Taylor County Commission Annex Building Tucker – Miners & Merchants Bank Tyler – McCormick Crossing Wood – Murdoch Heights Apartments

# Inspection and Plan Review Money Collected

MONEY COLLECTED - FIVE FISCAL YEARS						
DEPARTMENT	<u>FY2015</u>	FY2016	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	
INSPECTIONS	\$130,433.00	\$122,838.00	\$144,679.00	\$118,024.00	\$130,016.00	
PLAN REVIEW	\$738,570.90	\$655,543.49	\$815,837.46	\$712,194.00	\$967,511.00	
TOTALS	\$869,003.90	\$778,381.49	\$960,516.46	\$830,218.00	\$1,097,527.00	



# Fire Investigation Division



Clay County



# **Fire Investigation Division**

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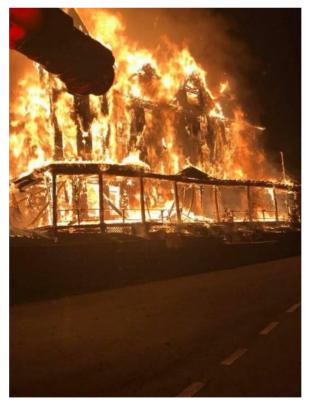
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## INTRODUCTION

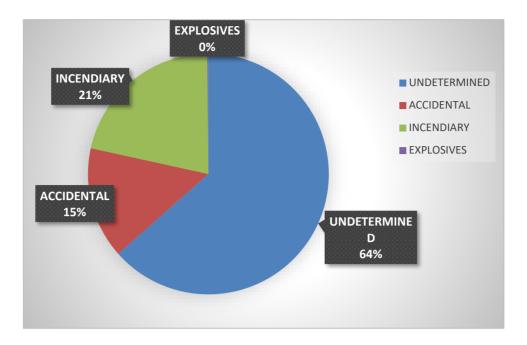
The Investigation Division current authorized staffing level is one (1) Field Deputy State Fire Marshal, eleven (11) Assistant State Fire Marshals, and one (1) Secretary, when fully staffed.

Each Fire Marshal has a designated geographical territory ranging in size from four (4) to eight (8) counties, depending on size and population. The Fire Marshal's primary duties encompass all aspects of fire/arson identification and enforcement including determining fire origin and cause, fire death investigations, executing state or federal search/arrest warrants and subsequently providing expert testimony in criminal and civil trials. In addition, each Fire Marshal is responsible for explosives related investigation/enforcement in their respective areas.

Many non-arson related violations are identified during the course of an arson investigation, and are generally referred to other federal, state or local law enforcement agencies for investigation/prosecution.



Old Oakland Hotel, Webster County

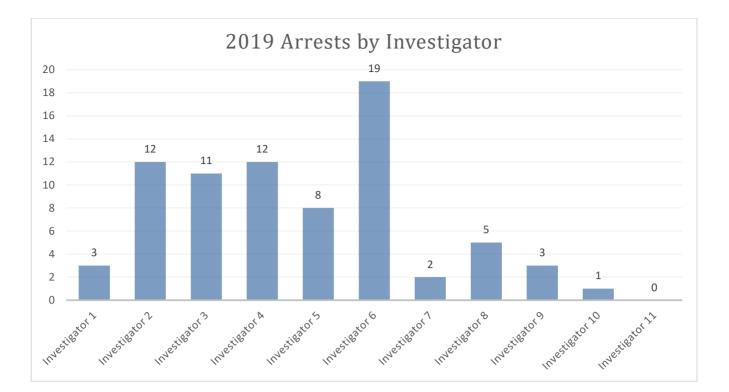


### **INVESTIGATIONS CASES WORKED**

There were six hundred, sixty-eight (668) incidents called in to the Arson Hotline requesting an investigation in the fiscal year 2019.

Out of the six hundred, sixty-eight (668) cases worked by State Fire Marshal investigators, One hundred, forty-three (143) of those were determined to be Incendiary, one hundred (100) were classified as Accidental, and four hundred, twenty-four (424) were of Undetermined cause. Additionally, there was one fire classified as an explosion.

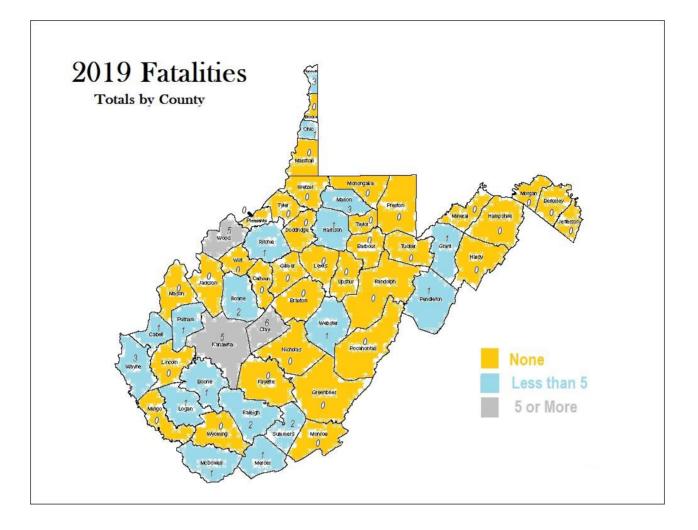
Incidents are called into the West Virginia Fire Marshal Hotline (1-800-233-3473, FIRE) and are, from there, sent to the Deputy State Fire Marshal for Investigations Division as well as Southern and Northern Regional Supervisors. Cases are assigned based on geographical area and by the investigator's case load.



### ARRESTS

During the 2019 Fiscal Year, the Investigation Division handled one hundred, fortythree(143) incidents classified as Incendiary. As a result, seventy-six (76) individuals were arrested for arson and related charges, a fifty-three per cent (53%) arrest rate for West Virginia State Fire Marshal investigators. This is a three per cent (3%) increase from the 2018 fiscal year.

Each year, investigators hone their skills through continuing education and training in law enforcement, arson investigation and the use of firearms in order prevent arson in the state of West Virginia.



## **FIRE FATALITIES**

There were forty-three (43) fatalities during the year, the result of thirty-three (33) fires. Six (6) of these resulted in multiple fatalities. Out of the thirty-three (33), twenty-three (23) were classified as Undetermined, five (5) as Accidental, and four (4) as Incendiary. One (1) fatality, investigated by another agency, has been included for statistical purposes.

Although fatalities are down by fifteen (15) from the 2018 fiscal year numbers, the state of West Virginia is still above the national average by population for fire fatalities. Through public education and assistance programs, the WVSFMO is working toward lowering those numbers even more.





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