

Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

Through quality service and motivated employees, the Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety works in concert with its customers to protect life and property from fire and electrical hazards.

❖ *Results of outcomes*

In FY99, the Fire Prevention Division performed 185 plan reviews for new construction, remodel work and additions to existing buildings. As a result, 603 inspections were conducted to ensure these facilities met the minimum standards adopted by the state. The division also conducted 511 fire and life safety inspections in existing schools, day care facilities, hotel/motels and state institutions. During the previous year, the inspectors noted 1,802 deficiencies, and this year, they noted 1,243 in these same occupancies. The division responded to 22 complaints and received 200 requests for assistance in code interpretations, on-site inspections and technical research. The Fire/Arson Investigation Section investigated 30 fire scenes for origin and cause determination and provided written reports to local fire departments and law enforcement agencies. Eighty-seven applications for fire extinguisher/hood and duct fire suppression system service and installation technicians were processed; testing was provided at 29 sites, and 62 individuals were certified.

The Electrical Division processed 3,516 applications for electrical licenses in FY99. Six licensing examinations were held at the five established testing sites, and 423 applicants were licensed. A total of 3,428 electrical wiring permits were issued, resulting in 197 inspections being finalized to ensure the installations met requirements of the National Electrical Code. During this period, the division performed 4,163 inspections as a result of complaints, requests for assistance in code interpretation and on-site licensing checks.

In FY99, through programs provided by the Training Division, emergency response personnel completed 334 Wyoming Fire Fighter certification programs. Eighty-five fire service classes were conducted, and more than 1,200 emergency services personnel were trained. The division currently maintains 2,500 fire fighter training records. Ninety-three Hazardous Materials Terrorism Awareness and Operations courses were attended by 1,340 emergency responders including emergency medical personnel, law enforcement, fire service, public works and school bus drivers. The Wyoming Fire Safety House traveled to 61 loca-

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Other locations

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Year established

1963

Statutory references

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

Number of authorized personnel

24 full-time, two half-time

Organizational structure

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

Clients served

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

Budget information

Objective I-A	\$607,047
Objective I-B	557,369
Total	\$1,164,416

tions, and more than 6,200 Wyoming residents learned to design a home escape plan and learned ways to prevent home fires. The division actively participated in the Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Division's Buckle Up Kids program. Thirty-seven emergency responders and child care providers were trained to inspect and correctly install child car seats. Three child safety seat check stations were conducted in the state, and 75 vehicles were inspected. The goal is to eliminate the confusion among parents that results in incorrect installation of up to 80 percent of car seats.

Through cooperation among its divisions, the department will continue efforts to ensure all newly constructed buildings meet the minimum standards for public safety, that existing facilities are brought into compliance in a timely manner and that emergency responders are offered adequate training. Department resources will be available to local governmental entities, businesses and citizens seeking help with code interpretation and technical applications. The department will continue to respond to complaints and concerns relative to fire and life safety hazards.

❖ *Strategic plan changes*

There have been no changes to the agency goal or objectives as stated in the strategic plan filed Sept. 2, 1997. However, some outcome measures have been revised to more accurately reflect the implementation of programs and utilization of resources to achieve the objectives. Accordingly, there have been some revisions to output measures utilized to gauge results. In addition, the situation analysis has been updated.

State Electrical Board

Agency to which board reports

Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

Number of members

Three members appointed by the Governor

Number of meetings

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

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