



# NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL QUARTERLY REPORT

MAY 2019

**MIKE CAUSEY, COMMISSIONER**

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## RATINGS AND INSPECTIONS

- Training and Ratings staff coordinated coverage for the funeral of Atlantic Beach Fire Department Chief Adam Snyder on March 17, 2019 with the backfill of nine Carteret County Departments with 11 Engine Companies.
- Implemented interactive ratings forms and placed them on website.
- Conducted an unannounced inspection in Polk County and Cumberland County due to a complaint filed. There were four failure items noted in the inspection.
- Ratings staff is continuing to work on county-wide water hauls in Orange, Person and Granville County.

## TRAINING

- Five training staff attended the six-day NFA Leadership Series at the Charlotte Fire Department. Everyone is now qualified to deliver the new curriculum.
- Seven staff attended/supported NCBES with 60 students attending.
- Staff attended High Angle Rescue School March 22 – 24 which had the largest student registration in over 10 years (120 people).
- Training Staff is continuing to coordinate details for the two Leadership Academies at Sandhills Community College in May.
- The AFG grant is entering the final phase of completion with the procurement of the containers and site delivery. Courses for FO III, FIT, FO IV, and HM Tech are being coordinated for the year.

## GRANTS AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

- Sent out Relief Fund notices to all 100 Counties for upcoming year.
- Continued to process Fire Grants for upcoming May announcement.
- Continued to manage the Disaster Relief grants.
- Hired new Temporary Employee to assist with high call demand.

## FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSION

- Gary Whitman was reappointed to the FRC and Lee Newcomb and Jeff Key were reappointed to the CFI Board.
- OSFM's GIS staff (Adam Blythe) and NFIRS Coordinator (Monna Gillespie) worked to analyze NFIRS data to identify departments who have not reported 2018 data.
- Started out with 400 non-compliant departments, now down to 95.
  - Total Active FDIDs: 1,256
  - FDIDs reporting: 1,161
  - FDIDs not reporting: 95
  - Total Incidents reported: 60,603 (of which 29,614 were fire incidents)
- Staff delivered 10 Indoctrination Classes, 17 Proctor Classes, and 4,203 Certifications were issued January – March, 2019.
- The High School Firefighter Challenge is scheduled for June 24 – 28, 2019.
- Leadership in Supervision was held March 4 – 9, 2019 with 26 students attending.
- We are working to host another offering in October/November of this year in the eastern part of NC. Notification will be sent out once the details are confirmed.

## ENGINEERING

- On March 13 OSFM sponsored CS4065 National Association of State Fire Marshals Construction Site Fire Safety course at the Albemarle Building. Sixty-five students enrolled. They obtained either 6 hours Fire or Building CE credit.
- 298 HILLB certifications have been issued this quarter.
- Staff is continuing to work with the IT team and DIT to try new ways to assist the public with logging in to the pyro system. Awaiting results of whether we can be exempt from using NCID.
- Continuing to work on website updates with PIO and scheduling new courses for the website as they arrive.
- Pyrotechnics Exams have been updated to the new code that took effect January 2019.

## INJURY PREVENTION

- Safe Kids NC Conference is scheduled for May 21-23 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Concord. EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS April 19th. Registration is \$175.00. Hotel Room rates are \$71.20
- Smoke Alarm Saturday 2019 is North Carolina's one-day, statewide, smoke alarm canvassing event to bring awareness of the need to have working smoke alarms and to help our communities be as safe as possible in case of a fire in their home. Goal is to have an event in all 100 counties.
- New Smoke Alarm Canvassing website went live in February with an overwhelming response.
- More than 100 Smoke Alarm Canvassing Grants have been approved with delivery scheduled for mid- April.
- Distributed 5400 alarms in two months.
- The Operation Medicine Drop campaign was held March 18-27th and collected 14 million pills.
- Hands-Free Legislation has been filed and is going through committee: Requiring all drivers to be hands-free from a cell phone while driving - No texting, dialing or talking unless hands-free.
- Fireworks Legislation: Two fireworks bills were introduced last week. One in the Senate and one in the House. These bills, if passed, could bring South Carolina style fireworks to our state. We oppose this legislation.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- HB-81 / SB-29 • Move Over Law/Increase Penalties • Jones, Britt
- HB-118 • First Responders Act • Warren
- HB-120 • Clarify Fire District Fund • Conrad
- HB-179 / SB-278 • Parity First Responders • Saine, Jackson
- HB-466 • Firefighters' Line of Duty Diseases/Funds • Riddell, Britt
- HB-560 • Ban PFAS in Fire Retardant Foam • Harrison
- HB-622 • Provide Workers' Compensation for PTSD in First Responders • Grange
- HB-675 • Building Code Reform • Brody
- HB-159 / SB-396 • Search and Rescue Fund • Davis, Sanderson
- SB-20 • Emergency Protection Act • Britt
- SB-211 / HB-220 • Insurance Technical Changes (Rule Making) • Edwards, Setzer
- SB-349 • Protection Benefits for Firefighters • Tillman
- SB-416 • Recruit/Retention Volunteer Firefighters • Daniel
- SB-468 • Insurance Coverage/Public Buildings • Sawyer
- SB-519 / HB-553 • License Certain Fire Safety Equipment • Strickland, Burgin
- SB-566 / HB-615 • Fireworks \*\*NCDOI DOES NOT SUPPORT\*\* • Gunn, Szoka
- SB-571 • Local Government/Unsafe Buildings • Perry
- SB-598 • Clarify State Fire Protection Grant Fund • Edwards
- SB-631 • Arson Law Amendments (HB-606) • McNeill
- SB-638 • DOA/DOI Authority Clarification for State Buildings • Edwards
- HB-213 • Create a Tax Benefit • Cleveland
- HB-283 • Prove Benefit \$100,000 PSO Murdered • Jones, Britt
- HB-466 (520) • Firefighters' Line of Duty Diseases/Funds • Riddle
- HB-520 • Firefighters Fighting Cancer Act • Lewis
- HB-346 • Sales Tax Exemption • Davis