



Annual Report of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office Robert Doke, State Fire Marshal

Mission

To promote safety and awareness and reduce the loss of lives and property to the citizens and businesses of Oklahoma through public education, investigations, inspections, building plan reviews, code assistance/enforcement and statistical data collection.

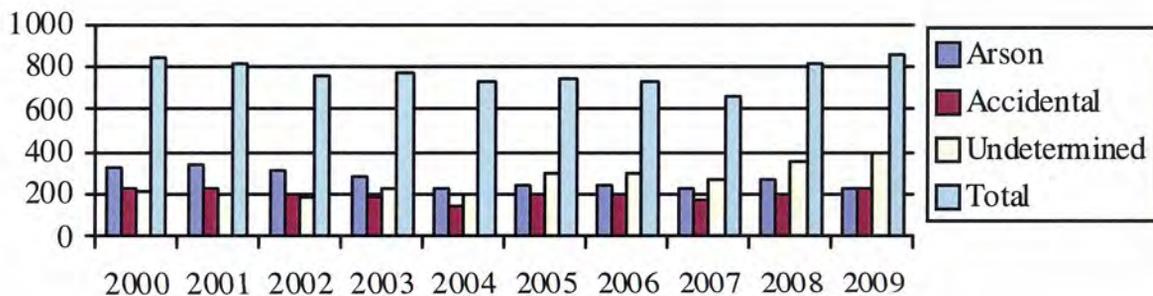
Vision

To promulgate and implement codes and standards by the inspection and plan review of buildings and premises; to investigate fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents; to assist others and coordinate with emergency response and government entities in the development of public education, training and grant writing; and to collect and analyze statistical data as defined in 74 O.S. §§ 311-324.21.

General Duties/Responsibilities

State Fire Marshal Agents are located throughout the state. Agent duties include responding to calls for assistance from fire departments and law enforcement agencies across the state to determine the origin and cause of fires. Where probable cause exists, each Agent has the authority to arrest persons suspected of being involved in arson, attempted arson or conspiracy to defraud crimes and work in conjunction with city and county law enforcement officials to secure convictions and testify in court as expert witnesses.

Fire Investigations

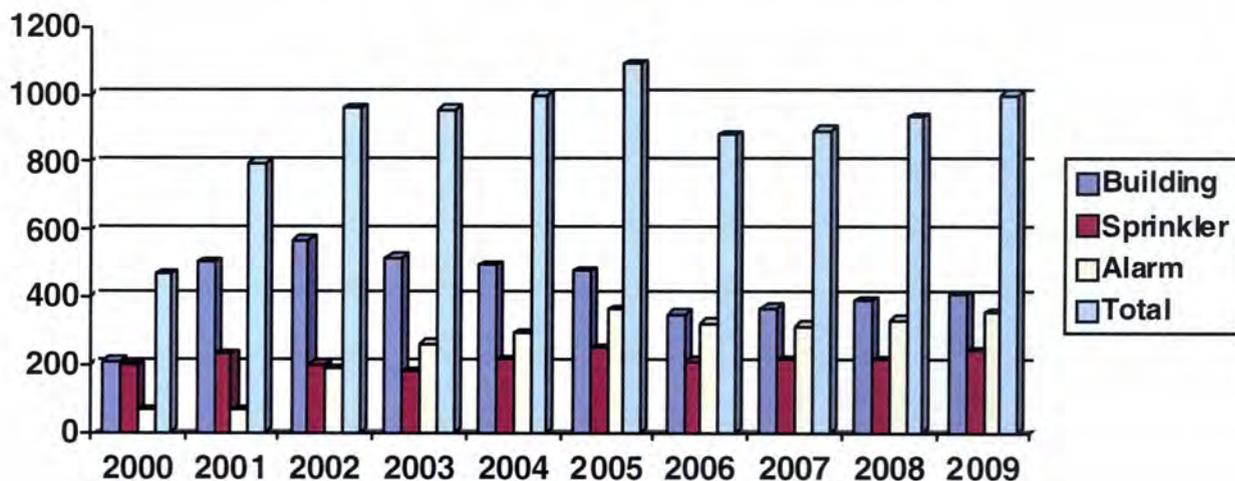


Each Agent also conducts life safety inspections in assisted living centers, public and private schools, colleges and universities, child care (daycare) centers, jails, prisons, juvenile detention centers, hospitals, nightclubs, factories, horse race tracks and fireworks retail facilities. Each Agent participates in fire prevention programs with public, private and educational organizations, volunteer and municipal fire, police and sheriff departments.

Inspections	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Assembly (Restaurant, Gym, Church, Nightclub)	251	250	311	243	218	208	233	204
Business (University/College, Government Office)	369	280	317	245	261	304	334	241
Public Education (K-12 School)	570	312	231	313	447	628	384	300
Educational (Daycare)	339	251	253	282	291	247	261	238
Institution (Jail, Prison, Assisted Living)	812	689	734	688	647	606	665	582
Residential (Group Home, Hotel/Motel, Apartment)	169	156	127	155	145	165	217	136
Factory, Hazard, Mercantile, Storage, Utility	188	115	209	88	74	88	133	130
TOTALS:	2698	2053	2067	2014	2067	2246	2227	1840

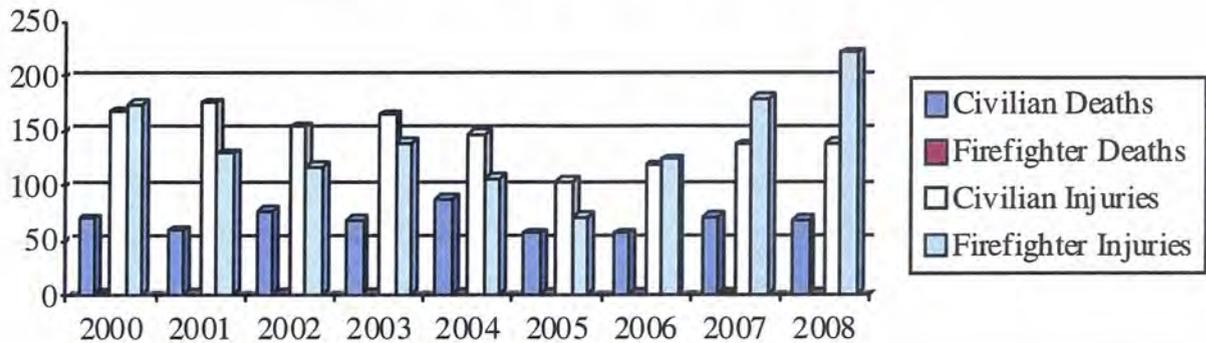
The Agency's building department examines plans and specifications of new construction or remodeling, sprinkler and alarm systems to ensure compliance with minimum safety standards adopted by the State Legislature and the State Fire Marshal Commission. Assistance with building codes and standards adopted by the state is available to all city, town or county officials throughout the state.

Plan Reviews



The Agency's Oklahoma Fire Incident Reporting System compiles and documents every fire in the state by receiving annual incident reports from the 914 fire departments as required by law. This information is collected and reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

Statewide Deaths and Injuries



Agency Programs

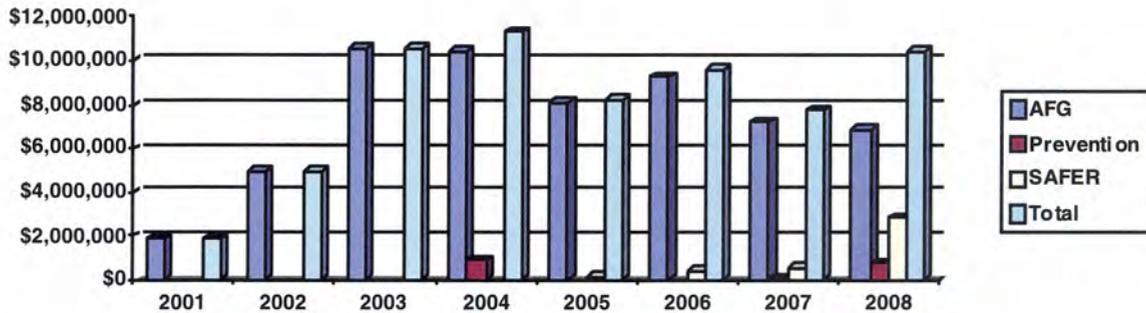
(1) Smoke Detectors. The Agency currently provides smoke detectors to fire departments and civic organizations. The smoke detectors are delivered to the departments or organizations through the Agency's Field Personnel. If the entity cannot not afford a price matching arrangement, then the smoke detectors are provided free of charge.

(2) Public Education. Due to budget reductions over the past couple of years, the Agency has not been able to participate in the RiskWatch and Remembering When programs. These programs provide fire safety instruction and materials from school age children up to senior adults relating to installing and operating smoke detectors and space heaters, fireplace maintenance, choking, smoking while on oxygen and proper disposal of smoking materials and firework safety.

(3) Mobile Communications Unit. The Agency acquired a Mobile Communications Trailer and tow vehicle with Homeland Security Grant funds. This unit will provide interoperable communications between emergency first responders, law enforcement, EMT, etc. on all hazard statewide incidents. Agency personnel will oversee the operation of this unit.

(4) Fire Act Grants. The Agency assists Oklahoma fire departments with grant writing to obtain federal dollars for equipment and training purposes. Since 2001, Oklahoma fire departments have been awarded grant funds in the approximate amount of \$66,875,007. The chart below reflects the type of grant and dollar amount. The Agency also provides 12 names to Washington, DC every year to represent the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office as grant evaluators. The representatives then present their community leaders with critical information on successful grant writing. Travel expenses are paid by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

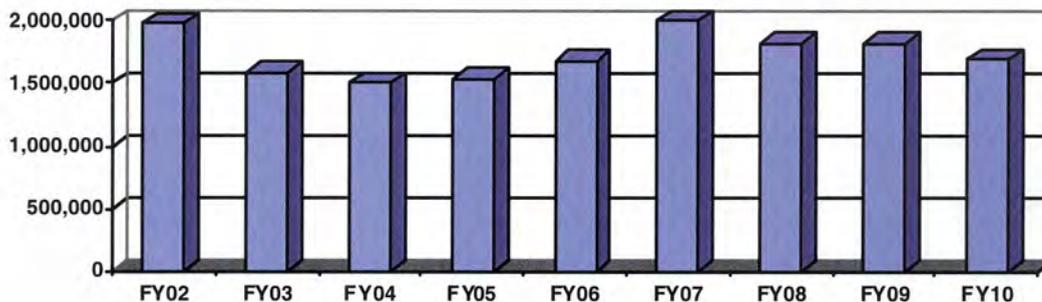
Assistance to Firefighters Grants



Budget Comparison

The chart below reflects a decrease in appropriated funding during FY-2002, FY-2003 and FY-2004 in the approximate amount of \$470,000. The Agency has experienced a gradual increase of appropriated funding for FY-2005 and FY-2006 in the approximate amount of \$180,000. The FY-2009 budget remained the same as FY-2008. By the end of June, the Agency will have reduced its current FY-2010 budget by \$137,322. Due to these budget reductions, the Agency currently has four (4) vacant Field Agent I positions, one (1) vacant Operations Chief position, one (1) vacant Public Information Officer position and one (1) vacant Secretary I position.

Appropriations by Fiscal Year



The State Fire Marshal’s Office employs the best personnel available to accomplish its mission. With the proper funding and a full staff, the State Fire Marshal’s Office can efficiently and effectively provide the most up-to-date code assistance and fire investigation techniques in order to promote the health, welfare and safety of the citizens and businesses in Oklahoma.

