



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

ALABAMA STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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Introduction

The 2024 Annual Report of the State Fire Marshal's Office is submitted by State Fire Marshal, Scott F. Pilgreen in compliance with Section 36-19-26, Code of Alabama, 1975.

In 2024, the State Fire Marshal's Office had a total staff of fifty-two (53) personnel. This number includes a total of forty-two (42) law enforcement officers. There are sixteen Deputy Fire Marshals, and ten Special Agents assigned to the Arson Bureau. In addition, there are six Fraud Investigators, and four Special Agents assigned to the ALDOI Criminal Fraud Bureau. The balance of the law enforcement staff includes two Assistant State Fire Marshals and The State Fire Marshal. Fiscal year 2023 brought the establishment of a Code Bureau which currently has a staff of four (4) Building Construction Specialists. The Administrative Staff (7) of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the ALDOI Fraud Bureau include one Departmental Operational Specialist and six Administrative Support Assistants.

In 2024, the State Fire Marshal's Office Arson Bureau conducted five hundred thirty-one (531) structure fire and/or explosion investigations, the Fraud Bureau conducted four hundred twenty-nine (429) investigations, for a total of nine hundred sixty (960) investigations. These investigations resulted in two hundred thirty-three (233) arrests/indictments for a variety of criminal offenses which include but are not limited to the following: arson, insurance fraud, drug related offenses, capital murder, etc.

Additionally, the Code and Arson Bureaus are tasked with enforcing the building and fire codes adopted by the state. Both bureaus conducted a total of one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (1,999) inspections throughout the state in 2024. This equates to a 13+% increase in number of inspections over the prior year.

These inspections were conducted on various types of occupancies which include, but are not limited to, the following: daycares, schools, fireworks retailers and manufacturers, correctional facilities, churches, event centers, etc. Many of these inspections were performed based on a compliant or request while others were prerequisite before a permit being issued by the office.

Fire fatalities in 2024 totaled eighty-three (83). This represents an 13.5% decrease from the previous year. The State Fire Marshal's Office continues in its efforts to raise public awareness through public education to combat this problem. It is crucial that the awareness of the public is heightened regarding fire safety issues. The fire service took a significant step in this area in 2014 with the creation of the "Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention" campaign. The goal of this campaign is to provide information through Public Service Announcements and other means to accomplish the goal of raising awareness of the public and continue to decrease the occurrence of fatal fires.

In support of this effort, the State Fire Marshal's Office has established a separate bureau for Public Education and Community Risk Reduction. Additionally, we have partnered with the "In Touch Foundation" and the Alabama Fire College's "Get Alarmed Alabama" program to provide battery powered smoke alarms to the Citizens of Alabama. The alarms are distributed with assistance from the fire departments in the state, both career and volunteer, who identify those that need this protection.

State Fire Marshal's Office

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to protect the public by deterring the commission of arson, insurance fraud, and related crimes by providing community risk reduction education, inspection services, conducting criminal investigations of fires, explosions, and insurance fraud. We actively seek criminal indictments, make arrests, and assist in prosecutions in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of Alabama providing a safe environment in which to live, work and play. The ALDOI CID achieves this mission by actively working in communities across the state and supporting our fire and law enforcement partners.

Who We Are

The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is a division of the Alabama Department of Insurance (ALDOI). The department is under the leadership of the Insurance Commissioner Mark Fowler. Commissioner Fowler provides the resources for the SFMO to accomplish the goals and perform the duties and responsibilities of the office. A portion of the funding for the SFMO is provided through monies generated by permits issued by the office.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was established in 1909. In 1919, the first legislative act regarding the authority, duties and responsibilities of the office was adopted and signed into law. In 1953, Title 36 Chapter 19 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 provides the authority and prescribes the duties of the office of the State Fire Marshal and his deputies. The Fire Marshal, Assistants, Special Agents, and Deputies are state police officers and carry general police powers statewide.

In 2012, the Alabama Legislature passed laws establishing the crime of Insurance Fraud. Insurance Commissioner Ridling (retired) created within ALDOI the Insurance Fraud Unit to enforce these laws. The Insurance Fraud Unit was attached to the SFMO as a separate division due to the law enforcement responsibilities. This unit investigates the crime of Insurance Fraud and works with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and The District Attorney's to identify and prosecute those responsible for fraud involving any type of insurance.

In 2017, because of the expanding mission of the State Fire Marshal Division and under the direction of Commissioner Ridling (retired), the division was renamed as the Alabama Department of Insurance (ALDOI) Criminal Investigations Division and restructured to include three bureaus: Arson Bureau, Criminal Fraud Bureau, and Fire Prevention (Code) Bureau in order to properly convey the scope of the division.

The ALDOI Criminal Investigations Division is headquartered in the RSA Tower, Montgomery and is managed by Director/State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen, Assistant State Fire Marshals Mark Drinkard, William Gordon and Departmental Operations Specialist (Office Manager) Mable Thompson. Additionally, the division is staffed as described on page 3, Introduction. The Deputy State Fire Marshals, Criminal Fraud Investigators, Special Agents, and Code Inspectors work from field offices throughout the state and are responsible for investigations and inspections in their respective regions. In addition, we have two K9 investigators, K9 Jimpy and K9 Gus who are trained to detect any accelerants that may have been used at the time of a fire.

The ALDOI Criminal Investigations Division is tasked with a variety of responsibilities which include but are not limited to the following: criminal investigation of fires, explosions, insurance fraud and related crimes, the interpretation and enforcement of the state's building and fire codes. The division also regulates and permits the fireworks industry, fire sprinkler industry, commercial fire alarm industry, cigarette industry and blasting industry.

The division provides assistance and training for Fire Departments, Law Enforcement Agencies, other government entities and the public on issues such as criminal investigations, building/fire code interpretation and fire safety/prevention education.

Director/State Fire Marshal





Assistant State Fire Marshal

Mark Drinkard

Arson/Code Bureau



Assistant State Fire Marshal

Billy Gordon

Fraud Bureau



K9 Jimpy



K9 Gus



Mable Thompson

Department Operational Specialist
Office Manager



Chalita Thornton, Special Investigator

Fireworks Public Display/Close Prox.
Column Case Management



Angie Shires, ASAIH

Fraud Intake Coordinator
Blasters & Contractors Permits



Debra Lewis, ASAI

Fire Pumps/Alarms/Sprinklers,
Fireworks, CodePal



Jessica Barfield, ASAI

Investigative Records
Procurement Coordinator



Ann-Ware Knockemus, Clerk

Receptionist
Office Supply Procurement
Coordinator, Column

Alabama Fire Incident Reporting System (AFIRS)



Alabama Fire Incident Reporting System (AFIRS)

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 authorized the National Fire Data Center in the United States Fire Administration (USFA) to gather and analyze information on the magnitude of the Nation's fire problem. To carry out the intention of this Act, the National Fire Data Center has established the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).

The State of Alabama recognizes the importance and benefits of reliable statistical data and encourages fire departments to submit data. AFIRS is Alabama's segment of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. During the 2024 calendar year, five hundred and forty-nine (549) departments submitted data out of (1,156) fire departments in the state. Alabama is one-third of the way towards having timely, factual data on which many decisions can be made. In support of AFIRS, the State Fire Marshal's Office administers the creation of reporting accounts for departments and provides support services. In 2024, more than 1500 calls or emails requesting assistance were received from fire departments around the state.

The AFIRS Program's mission is to serve local fire departments by providing training, analysis, account assistance, and reporting assistance to meet the goals set forth by the United States Fire Administration (USFA), Alabama State Fire Marshal, and the local departments. The fire departments can meet the community's safety needs with better-quality data. Reporting to NFIRS is required by the Alabama Code (Title 36 Chapter 19 Section 6) that all fires must be reported to the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office. Our office is available to help with any department that requests assistance. Assistance is first attempted over the telephone and personal visits for more complex problems.

With the reduction of fires, especially fire deaths and fire injuries, in mind, State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen has placed emphasis on encouraging the fire service to report these incidents, which is in line with state law and regulations, so that this data can be used to determine the origin and cause of fires. This data will then be compiled to identify the risks and provide public education through our Community Risk Reduction Bureau and field personnel with the overall goal of changing habits and behaviors. Providing data allows fire departments to apply for and receive grant funding, improve budget and resource allocations, recruit and retain fire service personnel, and create assessments to reduce risks in their communities.

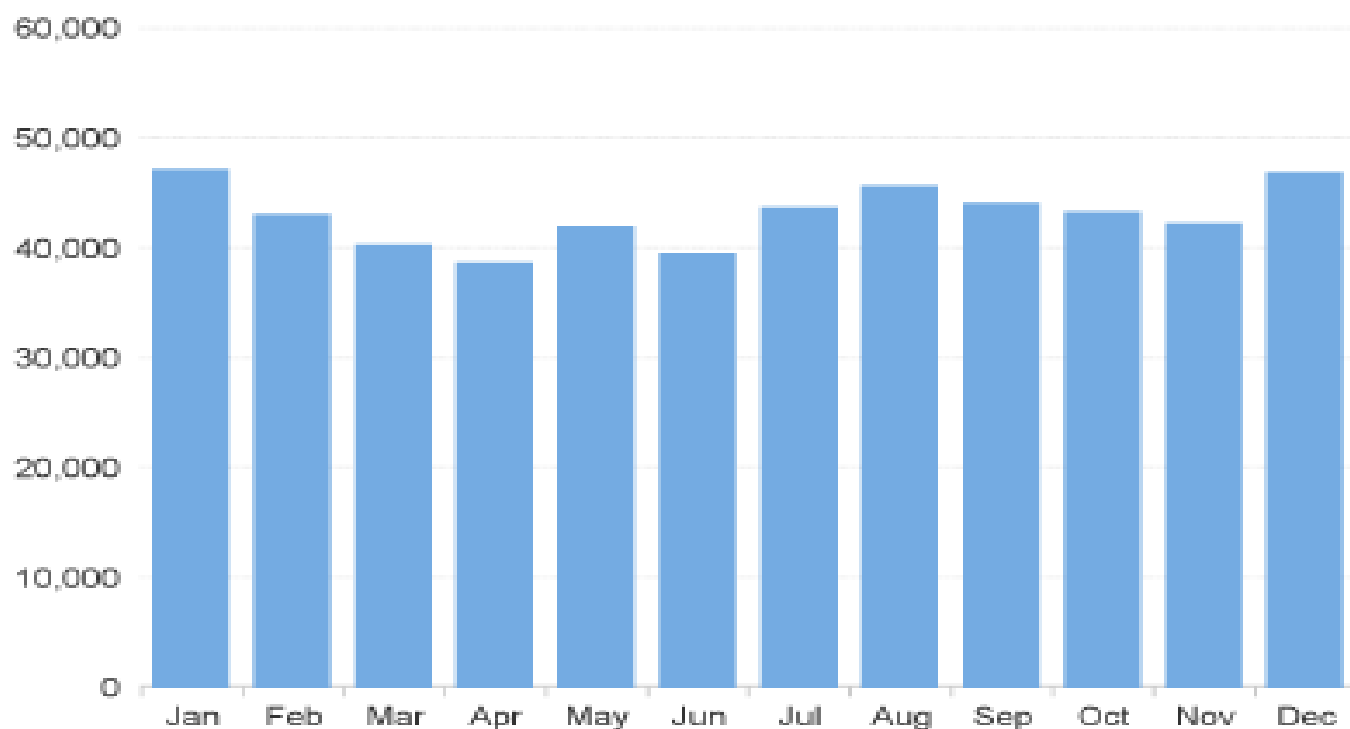
Summary By Incident Type Category

Incident Type Category	Total Incidents	Percent	Aid Given	Exposures	Grand Total
Fires (100-173)	20,439	4.1%	4,022	212	24,677
Overpressure/Rupture, Explosion, Overheat Calls (200-251)	356	0.1%	10	0	366
Rescue and EMS Calls (300-381)	324,544	64.9%	5,313	0	329,857
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	10,788	2.2%	293	0	11,081
Service Calls (500-571)	55,123	11.0%	600	0	55,723
Good Intent Calls (600-672)	46,217	9.2%	3,508	0	49,725
False Alarm and False Calls (700-751)	39,549	7.9%	689	0	40,238
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	1,578	0.3%	86	0	1,664
Special Incident Type Calls (900-911)	1,431	0.3%	148	0	1,579
Unknown or Not Reported	284	0.1%	1	10	295
Grand Total	500,309	100.0%	14,670	222	515,205

Summary By Incident Type Category

Incident Type Group	Total Incidents	Percent	Aid Given	Exposures	Grand Total
Structure Fires (111-118)	6,036	29.5%	1,991	113	8,140
Fires in Mobile Property Used as a Fixed Structure (120-123)	366	1.8%	204	8	578
Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fires (130-138)	3,125	15.3%	356	64	3,546
Natural Vegetation Fires (140-143)	6,337	31.0%	1,142	12	7,492
Outside Rubbish Fires (150-155)	3,142	15.4%	89	3	3,234
Special Outside Fires (160-164)	401	2.0%	40	7	449
Cultivated Vegetation, Crop Fires (170-173)	31	0.2%	17	0	48
Fires, Other (100)	1,001	4.9%	183	5	1,190
Grand Total	20,439	100.0%	4,022	212	24,677

Incident Counts By Month of Year



Fraud Bureau



Mission Statement for the Alabama Fraud Bureau

The Fraud Bureau protects the public from economic harm by investigating allegations of criminal insurance fraud. Responsibilities include receiving and reviewing reports of fraud, initiating inquiries, and conducting investigations when the department has reason to believe that insurance fraud may have been or is being committed. We actively seek criminal indictments, make arrests, and assist in prosecutions to deter insurance fraud in Alabama.

In 2012, Alabama passed into law, House Bill 323, which made insurance fraud a criminal act and established the formation of the Insurance Fraud Bureau, within the Department of Insurance. This law can impose criminal charges and/or civil sanctions for those in violation of the regulation procedures of the insurance industry. The law includes mandatory reporting by those in the insurance industry as well as civil liability, (See Code of Alabama 1975, Cite: Section 27-12A-21; Mandatory reporting requirements; (Act 2012-429, p. 1170, §2.); Section 27-12A-22; Immunity from liability; (Act 2012-429, p. 1170, §2.)

The Fraud Bureau is a branch of the State Fire Marshal's Office, within the Alabama Department of Insurance. The bureau currently has 11 criminal investigators, and intake specialist, and is supervised by one Assistant State Fire Marshal. Suspected fraud is reported to the bureau in a variety of ways. Most complaints are received directly from the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) or the NICB, (National Insurance Crime Bureau), on behalf of the insurance industry. Complaints are also received regularly from the consumer as well. Web-based internet reporting is preferred and available through the Department of Insurance website, www.aldoi.gov, (<https://www.aldoi.gov/FraudUnit>.) When a complaint is submitted through the portal, the process assigns a tracking number and allows the reporting person to follow the progress of the complaint and in some situations, allows them to remain anonymous.

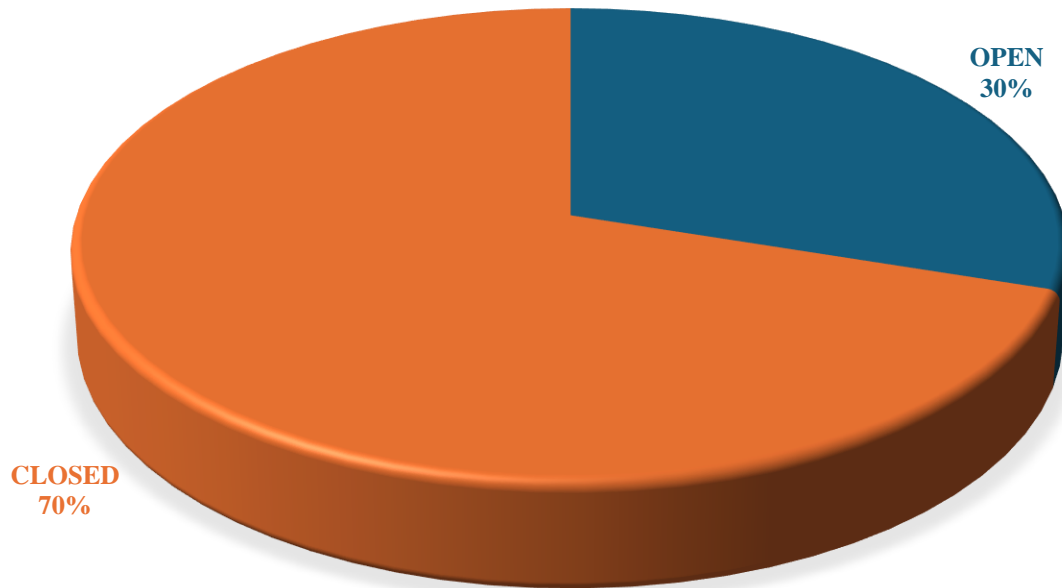
In 2024, 2865 complaints were reviewed, of those 429 were assigned for investigation. The Bureau's investigations concluded in 139 arrests or other prosecutions by our agency. Fraud investigations were conducted in 61 of the 67 Alabama counties. Jefferson County was the highest reporting area with 62 investigations or 14% of the 429. Montgomery County followed with 34 cases or 8% of assigned cases. The top five counties with the most complaints were Jefferson, Montgomery, Madison, Mobile, and Baldwin County.

ALDIO CID Fraud Bureau

Investigative Regions



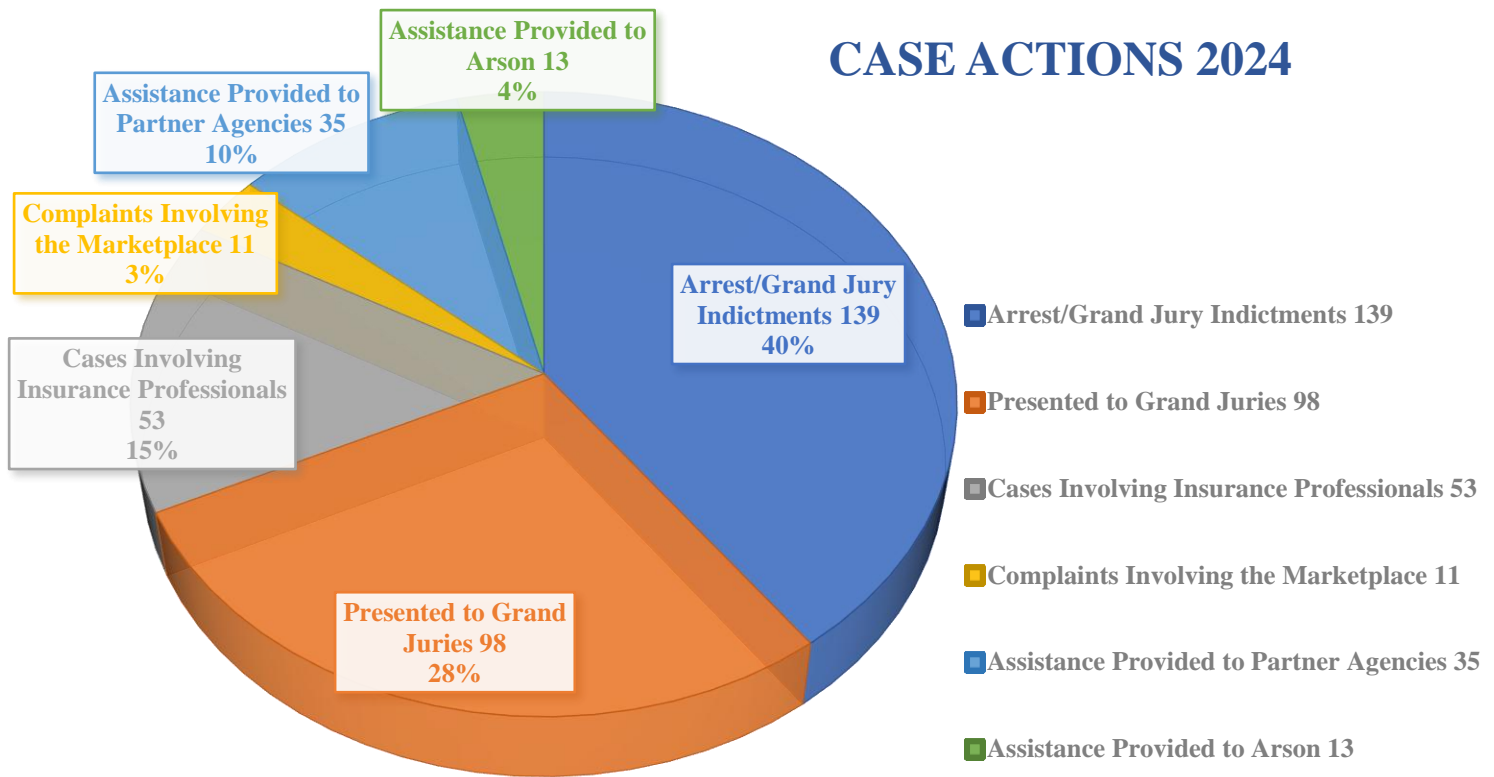
2024
2436 CASES REVIEWED (NAIC ONLINE FRAUD
REPORTING SYSTEM)
429 CASES INVESTIGATED



**52 % of Complaints received
from Insurance**

**48% of Complaints received
from Consumers**

CASE ACTIONS 2024



In 2024, significant progress was made in advancing cases through the legal system. There were 98 presentations made to grand juries, resulting in 139 indictments or arrests. Additionally, several cases were prepared and presented for potential federal prosecution, including a matter involving a roofing company. Notable case trends included an investigation into allegations of intentional manufacturing roof damage, inflated claims, and the potential exploitation of elderly consumers involving multiple entities. This case involved collaboration with the Bar Association and the Attorney General, with charges being pursued for insurance fraud, exploitation of the elderly, and deceptive trade practices.

Beyond these specific case advancements, the Bureau also handled several matters involving insurance industry professionals and complaints originating from the marketplace.

The Fraud Bureau also dedicated resources to assisting partner agencies and the Arson Bureau on various matters, encouraging investigators to work collaboratively across their disciplines.

Statistics



FIRE SPRINKLER STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2023	2024
FIRE SPRINKLER	\$24,840	\$27,960
PERMITS ISSUED:	207	233

FIRE PUMP STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2023	2024
FIRE PUMPS	\$17,880	\$26,400
PERMITS ISSUED:	149	220

CONTRACTOR & BLASTER STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2023	2024
CONTRACTORS	\$92,400	\$100,320
BLASTERS	\$26,136	\$28,776
TOTAL	\$118,536	\$129,096
TOTAL PERMITS:	233	256

FIREWORKS STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2023	2024
CLOSE PROXIMITY	\$22,350	\$24,150
DISTRIBUTOR	\$72,000	\$72,000
MANUFACTURER	\$15,000	\$15,000
PUBLIC DISPLAY	\$25,875	\$22,275
SEASONAL RETAILER- SR1	\$8,400	\$8,700
SEASONAL RETAILER- SR2	\$74,550	\$81,900
RETAIL	\$121,200	\$131,700
WHOLESALE	\$9,000	\$6,000
TOTAL MONEY COLLECTED	\$348,375	\$361,725
PERMITS ISSUED:	1,224	1,263

FIRE ALARM STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2023	2024
FIRE ALARMS	\$30,129	\$33,638
PRTMITS ISSUED:	263	244

CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPERTY STATISTICS		
MONEY COLLECTED		
	2023	2024
MONEY COLLECTED	\$8,470	\$81,070
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED:	7	27

Investigation Statistics



FATALITY BY AGE														
Age	0-5	6-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+	UNKNOWN	Total
2023	4	2	0	5	8	11	18	19	16	10	1	1	1	96
2024	5	0	1	6	5	7	11	17	15	14	2	0	0	83

FATALITY BY RACE			
		2023	2024
ASIAN		0	0
BLACK		27	32
HISPANIC		3	1
WHITE		65	50
UNKNOWN		1	0
TOTAL:		96	83

FATALITY BY MONTH			
		2023	2024
JANUARY		11	14
FEBRUARY		10	7
MARCH		19	5
APRIL		7	9
MAY		17	5
JUNE		5	7
JULY		6	3
AUGUST		3	4
SEPTEMBER		1	5
OCTOBER		3	4
NOVEMBER		4	2
DECEMBER		10	18
TOTAL:		96	83

FATALITY BY GENDER			
		2023	2024
MALE		56	51
FEMALE		40	32
TOTAL:		96	83

FATALITY BY CAUSE		
	2023	2024
ACCIDENTAL	2	2
ARSON BY FIRE	4	3
COOKING	7	1
ELECTRIC-PORTABLE HEATERS	0	1
ELECTRIC STOVE/OVEN-LEFT UNATTENDED	0	1
ELECTRICAL	5	4
EXPOSURE FIRE	0	1
EQUIPMENT/APPLIANCE-TEMPORARY-INTERIOR	0	2
HEATING	4	4
HOMICIDE-ARSON BY FIRE	0	1
IMPROVISED ELECTRIC (NOT OTHERWISE LISTED)	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	5	5
MISUSE OF SMOKING MATERIALS (INCLUDES DISCARDED)	0	5
NATURAL GAS-STOVE/OVEN- LEFT UNATTENDED	0	1
NONE CRIMINAL	0	1
OPEN FLAME	0	3
OTHER	6	6
PORTABLE LIQUID FUELED	0	1
SUICIDE BY FIRE	0	2
UNDETERMINED	63	34
UNDETERMINED-NOT SUSPICIOUS	0	1
WIRING-PERMANENT-INTERIOR	0	2
WIRING-TEMPORARY-INTERIOR	0	1
TOTAL:	96	83

FATALITY BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2023	2024		COUNTY	2023	2024
AUTAUGA	0	1		HOUSTSON	3	0
BALDWIN	3	1		JACKSON	0	1
BARBOUR	0	0		JEFFERSON	7	12
BIBB	2	0		LAMAR	1	0
BLOUNT	1	2		LAUDERDALE	3	0
BULLOCK	0	0		LAWRENCE	1	0
BUTLER	0	3		LEE	1	0
CALHOUN	5	3		LIMESTONE	1	1
CHAMBERS	1	0		LOWNDES	0	0
CHEROKEE	1	0		MACON	0	0
CHILTON	0	2		MADISON	5	0
CHOCTAW	1	0		MARENGO	2	2
CLARKE	0	1		MARION	1	1
CLAY	0	1		MARSHALL	2	5
CLEBURNE	0	1		MOBILE	12	5
COFFEE	1	0		MONROE	0	0
COLBERT	2	0		MONTGOMERY	3	7
CONECUH	0	0		MORGAN	1	2
COOSA	1	1		PERRY	2	0
COVINGTON	0	1		PICKEN	0	1
CRENSHEW	0	0		PIKE	0	0
CULLMAN	3	0		RANDOLPH	1	1
DALE	3	0		RUSSELL	3	5
DALLAS	1	1		SHELBY	1	2
DEKALB	2	1		ST. CLAIR	1	2
ELMORE	1	0		SUMPTER	1	0
ESCAMBIA	0	2		TALLADEGA	3	1
ETOWAH	0	4		TALLAPOOSA	3	4
FAYETTE	0	0		TUSCALOOSA	0	2
FRANKLIN	0	1		WALKER	4	2
GENEVA	0	0		WASHINGTON	0	1
GREENE	0	0		WILCOX	2	0
HALE	0	0		WINSTON	3	0
HENRY	1	0		TOTAL:	96	83

CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTIGATION		
	2023	2024
ADVERSE WEATHER	3	4
ARSON/INTENTIONAL	136	133
COOKING EQUIPTMENT	8	9
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	19	29
HEATING EQUIPTMENT	5	11
LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS SYSTEM	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	24	51
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM	1	1
OTHER CRIMINAL/NON CRIMINAL	40	37
UNKNOWN/UNDETERMINED	261	255
TOTAL:	497	531

CASES BY PROPERTY TYPES		
	2023	2024
ASSEMBLY	11	22
BUSINESS	11	10
DETENTION	1	2
EDUCATION	2	7
HEALTH CARE	3	1
INDUSTRIAL	5	9
MERCANTILE	3	5
MOTOR VEHICLE	19	27
OTHER	65	77
RESIDENTIAL	377	371
TOTAL:	497	531

INVESTIGATION BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2023	2024		COUNTY	2023	2024
AUTAUGA	3	4		HOUSTON	1	0
BALDWIN	18	14		JACKSON	8	8
BARBOUR	17	12		JEFFERSON	26	41
BIBB	4	3		LAMAR	6	8
BLOUNT	10	6		LAUDERDALE	19	20
BULLOCK	2	1		LAWRENCE	1	0
BUTLER	0	7		LEE	8	6
CALHOUN	20	31		LIMESTONE	7	14
CHAMBERS	5	5		LOWNDES	1	3
CHEROKEE	2	9		MACON	4	4
CHILTON	8	12		MADISON	17	6
CHOCTAW	4	3		MARENGO	7	7
CLARKE	6	2		MARION	8	7
CLAY	1	3		MARHSALL	25	29
CLEBURNE	0	2		MOBILE	49	31
COFFEE	5	3		MONROE	2	1
COLBERT	9	6		MONTGOMERY	4	2
CONECUH	3	4		MORGAN	8	7
COOSA	5	4		PERRY	6	3
COVINGTON	10	5		PICKENS	1	3
CRENSHAW	1	3		PIKE	1	3
CULLMAN	8	7		RANDOLPH	2	2
DALE	7	3		RUSSELL	8	6
DALLAS	2	4		SHELBY	4	13
DEKALB	9	10		ST. CLAIR	11	12
ELMORE	5	9		SUMPTER	1	0
ESCAMBIA	10	15		TALLADEGA	9	27
ETOWAH	2	3		TALLAPOOSA	2	5
FAYETTE	7	8		TUSCALOOSA	2	3
FRANKLIN	3	2		WALKER	21	30
GENEVA	9	3		WASHINGTON	1	3
GREENE	0	2		WILCOX	8	2
HALE	1	6		WINSTON	14	12
HENRY	8	2		TOTAL:	497	531

TOTAL CASES BY REQUESTOR TYPE		
	2023	2024
911 CENTER	6	14
CITIZEN	23	11
FIRE DEPARTMENT	273	303
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	8	9
INSURANCE INDUSTRY	7	3
OCCUPANT	6	5
POLICE DEPARTMENT	45	44
PROPERTY OWNER	19	19
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	98	106
STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE	12	17
TOTAL:	497	531

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OTHERS IN WORKHOURS		
	2023	2024
ALLEAPS	0	0
CFAF	0	0
Cellular Mapping and Analysis	18	10
Deputy Fire Marshal	641	598
Digital Forensics	30	7
Drone Training	0	19
Drone Use/Response	60	114
Faro Response	59	25
Faro Training	0	0
Fire Department	10	42
Follow-Up	10	34
K9 Response	11	85
Law Enforcement Agency	27	127
Polygraph (Other Agency)	808	0
Polygraph DSFM	0	0
Polygraph Refuse	20	0
Public Education	0	10
Trailer Response	73	227

ARREST/CHARGES		
	2023	2024
Arson 1st Degree	13	4
Arson 2nd Degree	18	10
Arson 3rd Degree	1	0
Assult 2nd Degree	0	1
Attempting to Elude	0	1
Attempted Murder	5	1
Capital Murder	3	0
Criminal Mischif 1st Degree	0	2
Criminal Mischif 2nd Degree	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	1
Insurance Fraud 1st Degree	0	2
Manslaughter	0	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	1
Possession of Explosive Devices	0	2
Possession or Receipt of a Controlled Substance	2	0
Resisiting Arrest	0	1
Theft of Property 1st Degree	4	1
Unlawful Possession, Receipt of a Controlled Substance	0	3
Willfully Setting Grass Fires	0	8
Total Charges:	47	40

Inspection Statistics



INSPECTIONS (CODEPAL) BY COUNTIES						
COUNTY	2023	2024		COUNTY	2023	2024
AUTAUGA	8	9		HOUSTON	11	9
BALDWIN	58	57		JACKSON	8	7
BARBOUR	8	2		JEFFERSON	33	26
BIBB	5	6		LAMAR	10	7
BLOUNT	5	4		LAUDERDALE	18	9
BULLOCK	7	0		LAWRENCE	6	6
BUTLER	9	13		LEE	10	8
CALHOUN	21	27		LIMESTONE	19	22
CHAMBERS	5	5		LOWNDES	4	3
CHEROKEE	4	3		MACON	3	3
CHILTON	10	3		MADISON	6	8
CHOCTAW	5	4		MARENGO	4	6
CLARKE	9	12		MARION	2	32
CLAY	6	6		MARSHALL	10	10
CLEBURNE	6	5		MOBILE	101	52
COFFEE	7	12		MONROE	3	3
COLBERT	8	6		MONTGOMERY	8	14
CONECUH	9	10		MORGAN	14	13
COOSA	3	1		PERRY	0	4
COVINGTON	9	18		PICKENS	0	3
CRENSHAW	6	6		PIKE	8	6
CULLMAN	13	19		RANDOLPH	7	9
DALE	23	14		RUSSELL	11	7
DALLAS	8	9		SHELBY	20	17
DEKALB	9	5		ST. CLAIR	10	20
ELMORE	9	9		SUMPTER	7	20
ESCABMIA	5	12		TALLADEGA	63	16
ETOWAH	4	7		TALLAPOOSA	14	12
FAYETTE	1	14		TUSCALOOSA	7	13
FRANKLIN	1	2		WALKER	60	42
GENEVA	6	11		WASHINGTON	11	7
GREENE	1	1		WILCOX	2	8
HALE	6	4		WINSTON	26	27
HENRY	3	1		TOTAL:	812	766

FIREWORK INSPECTION BY COUNTY						
COUNTY	2023	2024		COUNTY	2023	2024
AUTAUGA	9	7		JACKSON	14	16
BALDWIN	34	91		JEFFERSON	102	149
BARBOUR	1	2		LAMAR	1	2
BIBB	3	5		LAUDERDALE	35	34
BLOUNT	16	21		LAWRENCE	12	12
BULLOCK	1	1		LEE	24	27
BUTLER	3	4		LIMESTONE	11	15
CALHOUN	25	29		LOWNDES	1	0
CHAMBERS	2	3		MACON	0	4
CHEROKEE	13	12		MADISON	131	123
CHILTON	13	13		MARENGO	3	8
CHOCTAW	3	5		MARION	7	9
CLARKE	4	9		MARSHALL	16	20
CLAY	3	3		MOBILE	84	71
CLEBURNE	7	10		MONROE	5	5
COFFEE	6	7		MONTGOMERY	8	28
COLBERT	11	12		MORGAN	21	35
CONECUH	2	4		PERRY	2	2
COOSA	1	0		PICKENS	5	5
COVINGTON	13	13		PIKE	13	12
CRENSHAW	2	5		RANDOLPH	7	6
CULLMAN	21	30		RUSSELL	4	2
DALE	9	8		SHELBY	40	51
DALLAS	5	10		ST. CLAIR	22	21
DEKALB	17	19		SUMPTER	1	3
ELMORE	13	21		TALLADEGA	18	28
ESCABMIA	4	7		TALLAPOOSA	16	16
ETOWAH	22	26		TUSCALOOSA	51	39
FAYETTE	2	3		WALKER	14	13
FRANKLIN	8	9		WASHINGTON	3	3
GENEVA	7	5		WILCOX	0	1
GREENE	2	2		WINSTON	5	8
HALE	1	2		OUT OF STATE	1	30
HENRY	1	1				
HOUSTON	25	36		TOTAL:	987	1233

INSPECTIONS BY OCCUPANCY TYPE		
	2023	2024
ASSEMBLY	95	102
BUSINESS	91	77
EDUCATIONAL/DAYCARE/LEARNING CENTER	366	324
FACTORY	3	2
FIREWORKS	987	1233
HAZARD	0	3
INSTITUTIONAL	79	160
MERCANTILE	63	10
OTHER	0	15
RESIDENTIAL	61	85
STORAGE	2	2
UTILITY	0	1
TOTAL:	1,747	2,014

Public Education



What is Community Risk Reduction (CRR)?

According to NFPA 1300, *Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development*, CRR is a process to identify local risks, followed by the integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact. In other words, it is a process to help communities find out what their risks are and develop a plan to reduce the risk viewed as a high priority.

The steps involved in CRR are conducting a Community Risks Assessment (CRA), developing a CRR plan, implementing the plan, and evaluating the plan.

Community Risk Assessment (CRA)

A CRA is a comprehensive evaluation that identifies, prioritizes, and defines the risks that pertain to the overall community. The CRA informs the CRR plan and results in a full understanding of the community's unique risks, capabilities, and characteristics related to the following profiles:

- Building stocks
- Community service organization
- Demographics
- Economics
- Geography
- Hazards
- Past loss & event history
- Public safety response agencies
- Critical infrastructure system

Given a CRA's broad nature, it is important to collaborate with stakeholders to gain a comprehensive understanding about each of these profiles.

Who's Who in CRR?

Stakeholders: Any individual, group, or organization that might affect or be affected by the CRA or the CRR plan, for example community members, the first responders, and city planners.

Partners: A party with which an agreement is reached for sharing of physical, financial, and/or intellectual resources in achievement of defined common objects, such as insurance providers, elder services, and big box retailers.

CRR committee: The group of people or organizations developing the CRR plan.

The State Fire Marshal's Office has an Office that handles Public Education and Community Risk Reduction.

What is Public Education?

We can all make the world a safer place by learning more about how and why fires start. The Alabama Fire Marshal's Office gives consumer-friendly safety tips on a wide range of timely and important topics – everything you need to know to keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe from fire and related hazards.

With proper preparedness, you can help keep your family safe from fire. Two easy steps you can take are: Testing the smoke alarms in your house annually and practicing a fire escape plan.

Strategies are integrated throughout our programs to reach those at highest risk including young children, older adults, people in low-income communities, and people with disabilities.

During 2024, the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office was involved in several events to share safety information. These events ranged from adult daycares, city council meetings, volunteer fire departments, youth camps, the Alabama State Fair, private corporations, and many Be Ready Days where the communities came out to the events to get information about what the local community has to offer in life safety and being prepared.

While taking part in these events, the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office gives forty-five-minute PowerPoint presentations, hands-outs of different topics, and specialty items with safety messages. The PowerPoints are geared towards fire safety inside the homes. Some of the topics or checking smoke alarms, space heater safety, electrical safety, extension cords, and always knowing two ways out. The hand-outs are for the people to take home and read about the information that was given during the PowerPoint. The specialty items are stress balls, wrist bands, 12-inch rulers, oven mitts, hand fans, suckers, pencils, and many others that have various life safety messages.