
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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State Fire Marshal Division

Purpose and History

The State Fire Marshal Division, established in 1911, is the oldest of the six divisions within the Department of Public Safety. The Division was created to collect statistics on fire in Iowa and to develop fire safety regulations. The State Fire Marshal Division is comprised of two bureaus that train and educate Iowa's fire and emergency services and conduct arson investigations. These two bureaus include:

- Arson and Explosives — Assists local fire, police, and sheriff departments with investigations of fire scenes to determine whether a crime has been committed and bring the case to a successful resolution.
- Fire Service Training — Provides training and education for Iowa's fire and emergency services.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, [SF 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act) transferred oversight for permitting, licensing, and inspection for the following areas to Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL):

- Building Code Bureau — Reviews certain building plans and inspects certain buildings.
- Electrical Licensing and Inspection Bureau — Responsible for statewide licensing of all electricians and electrical contractors and inspections of all new electrical work done within the State.
- Fire Prevention Bureau — Conducts fire safety inspections in Iowa schools, universities, jails, and nursing homes.

Funding

The majority of funding for the State Fire Marshal Division comes from the State General Fund appropriation, with the remainder being generated by reimbursements and fees retained by the Division to offset the costs of various activities. Due to the State Government Alignment Act, the only fees currently retained by the State Fire Marshal Division are now the fire fighter certification fee and training. The fire fighter certification and training fees are paid by fire fighters for certification and tuition, conferences, publications, materials, and other costs. Fees previously retained by the State Fire Marshal are now collected by the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [100](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [661 – 200](#)

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More Information

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