

661—5.10(17A,22,100,692) Public inspection of fire marshal files and fire records. The fire marshal's office keeps a record on file of every reported fire in Iowa. All other important written information gathered by the fire marshal also is filed. Most of the contents of these documents are available to the public. Some of the information contained in these files, such as investigative data, intelligence data or criminal history data, as defined in Iowa Code chapter 692, is not public record. Requests for information should be addressed to the Fire Marshal Division, Iowa Department of Public Safety, 401 S.W. 7th Street, Suite N, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

5.10(1) A person may request to examine or copy a public record by either submitting a request in person or in writing. A person who plans to make a request in person to examine public records should first contact the office by telephone at (515)281-5821 to determine if personnel will be available to assist the person.

5.10(2) A copy will be provided on request of any public record in the possession of the fire marshal division at the expense of the person requesting the copy of the record. The fee for a copy of a record shall reflect only the cost of copying the record and the time required of staff of the department of public safety to retrieve the record, copy the record, supervise the copying of the record, and mail the record.

5.10(3) If a person wishes a copy of the record of a particular fire, it may be copied in the fire marshal's office or that person may so request by writing to the fire marshal's office setting forth the date, time and address, including county, of the fire. The fire marshal will forward a copy of the public record and may require reimbursement for the actual cost of copying and mailing the information.