

# Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

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## ❖ *Mission and philosophy*

Through quality service and motivated employees, the Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety works in concert with its customers to protect life and property from fire and electrical hazards.

## ❖ *Results of outcomes*

For FY00 some outcome measures were revised to more accurately reflect the implementation of programs and utilization of resources to achieve the objectives.

In FY00, the Fire Prevention Division performed 194 plan reviews for new construction, remodel work and additions to existing buildings. As a result, 632 inspections were conducted to ensure these facilities met the minimum standards adopted by the state.

The division also conducted 560 fire and life safety inspections in existing schools, day care facilities, hotel/motels and state institutions. It responded to 38 complaints and received 565 requests for assistance in code interpretations, on-site inspections and technical research.

The Fire/Arson Investigation section investigated 41 fire scenes for origin and cause determination as well as providing written reports and follow-up investigation reports to local fire departments and law enforcement agencies.

The division processed 100 applications for fire extinguisher/hood and duct fire suppression system service and installation technicians. Testing was provided at 51 sites throughout the state, and 75 individuals were certified to provide these services in Wyoming.

In FY00, the Electrical Division processed 3,375 applications for electrical licenses. Exams were held six times at five locations, and a total of 684 applicants tested, which resulted in 335 new licenses to perform electrical installations being issued. A total of 1,206 apprentices were registered to begin or continue their training to become licensed journeyman electricians or technicians. A total of 3,449 electrical wiring permits were issued, resulting in 794 inspections to ensure the installations met the requirements of the National Electrical Code. During this period, the division made an additional 696 contacts for safety inspections, license checks and requests for assistance in code interpretation.

The Training Division documented training, testing and certification of 297 Wyoming emergency response personnel. Ninety-five fire service training classes were conducted, and more than 1,500 emergency services personnel were

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### **Other locations**

Riverton, Buffalo

### **Year established**

1963

### **Statutory references**

W.S. 35-9-101 through 35-9-130

### **Number of authorized personnel**

25 full-time, two half-time

### **Organizational structure**

Administration Division, Fire Prevention Division, Training Division, Electrical Safety Division

### **Clients served**

Fire service, law enforcement, architects, engineers, building and fire code officials, federal/state/county agencies, building and electrical contractors, electrical industry, media, general public

### **Budget information**

General funds	\$1,252,366
Federal funds	68,140
Other	127,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,448,432</b>

trained. In FY00, 56 Terrorism Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations courses were attended by 754 emergency responders. The funding for this program is provided to Wyoming as a result of a grant for \$80,000 the agency was awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration. The Wyoming Fire Safety House traveled to five locations across the state, and 1,500 Wyoming residents were taught life-saving strategies in the event of a home fire. In a joint partnership with the Laramie County Community College Diesel School, the motor home had the diesel engine replaced with a gasoline engine.

### ❖ *Strategic plan changes*

No significant changes are planned.

## State Electrical Board

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### **Agency to which group reports**

Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

### **Number of members**

Three members appointed by the governor.

### **Meeting frequency**

There are two statutorily mandated meetings per year. If possible, the board meets quarterly.

## Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety organization chart

