

# Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety

## Mission and philosophy

Through quality service and motivated employees, work in concert with our customers to protect life and property from fire and electrical hazards.

## Results of outcomes

In FY 02, the Fire Prevention Division performed 207 plan reviews for new construction, remodel work and additions to existing buildings. As a result, 728 inspections were conducted to ensure these facilities met the minimum standards adopted by the state.

The division also conducted 823 fire and life safety inspections in existing schools, day care facilities, hotel/motels and state institutions. It responded to 42 complaints and received 1,935 requests for assistance in code interpretations, on-site inspections and technical research.

In FY 02, the Electrical Division processed 4,529 applications for electrical licenses. Exams were held six times at five locations and a total of 541 applicants tested, which resulted in 575 new licenses being issued to perform electrical installations. A total of 1,369 apprentices were registered to begin or continue their training to become licensed journeyman electricians or technicians. A total of 3,680 electrical wiring permits were issued, resulting in 3,680 inspections to ensure the installations met the requirements of the National Electrical Code. During this period, the division made an additional 1,963 contacts for safety inspections, license checks and requests for assistance in code interpretation.

The Training Division documented training, testing and certification of 395 Wyoming emergency response personnel. Over 2,736 emergency services personnel were trained during 166 fire service training classes were conducted and 84 Terrorism Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations courses were attended by 1,117 emergency responders. The funding for this program is provided to the state as a result of a grant the agency was awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration for \$170,000.00.

The Fire/Arson Investigation section investigated 42 fire scenes for origin and cause

## **General information**

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## **Other locations**

Riverton, Buffalo, Green River, Laramie, Lusk

## **Year established**

1963

## **Statutory references**

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

## **Number of authorized personnel**

30 full-time  
one 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, and county agencies, building and electrical contractors, electrical industry, media, and the general public.

## **Budget Information**

General funds	\$ 1,491,624
Federal funds	\$ 186,225
Other	\$ 127,818
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,805,666</b>

determination as well as providing written reports and follow-up investigation reports to local fire departments and law enforcement agencies.

The number of Wyoming certification programs being completed by emergency services personnel increased from 329 in FY 01 to 395 FY 02.

In FY 02, two community-based programs were offered that targeted reducing citizen injuries and deaths associated with fire emergencies and electrical hazards. This is compared to 13 similar programs offered in FY 01; however, the Wyoming Fire Safety House is now the property of the Rawlins Fire Department and is no longer coordinated this agency.

The number of Wyoming fire departments using the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0 was increased.

Opportunities were provided for 4,152 individuals and businesses to become licensed and/or certified.

The division ensured that all 207 of the newly constructed, remodels or additions to buildings under jurisdiction met the minimum requirements of the adopted codes.

The number of code deficiencies noted during fire and electrical safety inspections in the existing buildings in which we provide maintenance inspections within jurisdiction was reduced.

There were 46 requests for fire scene investigations in FY 01 and 42 in FY 02.

## Strategic plan changes

The Wyoming Fire Safety House is now the property of the Rawlins Fire Department and is no longer coordinated by our Agency. The new outcome measures include driver safety programs, increased dissemination of public education materials and the transition of 20 local fire departments to computer technology for the collection of local fire data.

## **State Electrical Board**

### 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

