



NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL QUARTERLY REPORT

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MIKE CAUSEY, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER & STATE FIRE MARSHAL
BRIAN TAYLOR, CHIEF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

FIRE AND RESCUE

Fire and Rescue Commission Division Chief Kim Williams announced her retirement after 30+ years with OSFM. Her last day was June 30 and a celebration was held in her honor earlier that week at the Albemarle Building in downtown Raleigh. We wish Kim the very best of luck in all her future endeavors.



OSFM's Fire Investigation Unit welcomed its newest employee, certified Accelerant Detection K-9 Nancy. She and her handler, Special Agent Craig Jarman, recently completed a 200+ hour specialty training program. A press conference was held outside the NCDOI offices on May 4 to introduce Nancy and discuss the importance of our endeavor to combat arson, America's most expensive crime.

Our Fire Investigation Unit was also happy to accept the NCSBI Partnership Award for merit for our work on the fire investigation at the Rocky Mount QVC plant. State Fire Marshal Mike Causey is proud of our OSFM arson investigators and CID teams for their hard work and dedication.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

The Safe Kids NC Conference was held in Concord May 23-26. During the event Commissioner Causey presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award to former Safe Kids Director Shannon Bullock for her many years of service. Best of luck in your retirement, Shannon!

Commissioner Causey welcomed everyone to the NC Fire and Life Safety Educators Conference at Great Wolf Lodge in Concord last month. The event began June 13 and was a great week of learning and networking.

Smoke Alarm Saturday 2022 was a huge success. More than 2,800 smoke alarms were installed throughout North Carolina. A special thanks to the 79 fire departments across 47 counties that participated.

GRANTS AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

The Grants staff has been working diligently to make sure departments are receiving funds for special grants.

The Lloyds of London (NC Surplus) grant was received by 27 Rescue/EMS Departments and 22 Fire Departments. The Covid 19 Financial Relief Grant was received by 506 fire departments to date. Other qualified departments should be receiving funds shortly.

Please remember if your department has any changes the updated information must be sent on department letterhead by the Chief, Fire Marshal, BOD or County Manager to firegrants@ncdoi.gov. If you have questions regarding grants, ratings or inspections, please contact your assigned grant liaison.

ENGINEERING

The NC Building Code Council will meet on June 14. Staff will be presenting two new proposed amendments to the Fire Code and one new proposed amendment to the Plumbing Code, to satisfy statutory requirements.

MANUFACTURED BUILDING DIVISION



Congratulations to Joe Sadler, Deputy Commissioner of the Manufactured Building Division, who retired after 24 years with OSFM. We wish Joe the best of luck for the future.

On June 8-9, some of the Manufactured Building Division staff attended the NC Manufactured and Modular Housing Association Annual Conference in Wrightsville Beach. Rob Roegner, Senior Deputy of Engineering, was awarded the Steve Zamiara Excellence in Government award.



Keisha Hoggard, Program Manager of the Manufactured Building Division, attended the 2022 State Administrative Agency (SAA) & Primary Inspection Agency (PIA) National Meeting June 14-16.