



# 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

## ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey reopened the NCDOI Office to employees and the public June 15th. He is also back on the road visiting fire departments, delivering smoke alarms and masks to help protect those working on the front lines. Causey also had the privilege of presenting grant checks to many of the state's fire departments in need of funds.

Recently, Chief State Fire Marshal Brian Taylor accompanied the Commissioner on trips across the state presenting grants from the state's largest insurer – Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Commissioner partnered with BCBS to distribute \$500,000 worth of grants to rural fire departments. The money came from a BCBS of North Carolina grant to help rural volunteer fire departments respond to their community's need.

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) was able to obtain 10,000 KN95 masks that were distributed to Fire Marshals in all 100 counties. These masks were then to be distributed to fire departments on the front lines.



*Commissioner Mike Causey delivers grant checks to fire departments across the state that need more funding to continue serving their communities.*



## ENGINEERING

The Engineering Department is back to business as usual. At full staffing levels, the Engineering Division has welcomed several visitors into the building to take the Home Inspector Licensure Exam. Testing sessions were limited to 20 test takers. Those testing were checked for temperatures at the front door before being ushered through the metal detectors to the classroom to take the exam. We hosted 7 test sessions in 4 days to allow 140 people to take the exam for licensure as a home inspector. This is all in an effort to keep the real estate market rolling in North Carolina. More home inspectors mean more availability for homes to be inspected prior to being sold.

Work continues with the various inspection jurisdictions throughout the state. Although never officially shut down, many jurisdictions are opening back up for “in-person” inspections. Many of the jurisdictions were performing “live remote” inspections (a term given for performing inspections via the use of live video) during the stay-at-home order. As locations migrate towards opening back up for regular business, the performance of inspections via live remote will slowly decrease back to the standard type of live inspections performed prior to the stay-at-home order.

Engineering has been busy in the Albemarle building as well. During the stay-at-home order, the Engineering Division was on a limited schedule to complete the required mail processing tasks as well as cleaning the portions of the elevators. Now that the building cleaning crew has taken this task over, the Engineering Division has changed gears and is now ensuring the employees who return to work have the supplies and necessities they need.

## FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

We are proud to announce that Brian Wade has been promoted to OSFM Division Chief, Fire and Rescue Services. Chief Wade will oversee Training, Ratings and Inspections, and Grants and Governmental Services. He will also be assigned as SERT TEAM Leader for NCDOT/OSFM for State Emergency Response. He has served with OSFM since 2013 as a Fire and Rescue Training Specialist. He was also the Chief to the North Lenoir Fire and Rescue, since 2010, starting as a Junior Firefighter in 1991.

Lance Foulk has joined the OSFM team as a Fire and Rescue Training Specialist. Lance comes to us from the Charlotte Fire Department as a Division Chief, Retired. He has 34 years of experience in the fire service, and currently teaches in the North Carolina Breathing Equipment School. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University.

We will continue scheduling classes when the COVID-19 pandemic allows. Please watch our website for class announcements.

## INJURY PREVENTION/SAFE KIDS

CPS Technician Certification Classes	
Aug. 17–20	Wake County
Sept. 8–11	Union County
Sept. 15–18	Surry County

For more information on how to register for a class, visit [buckleupnc.org](http://buckleupnc.org).