



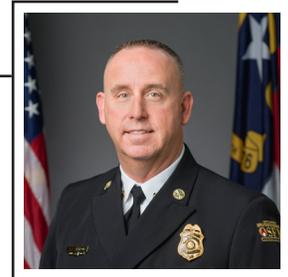
NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL QUARTERLY REPORT

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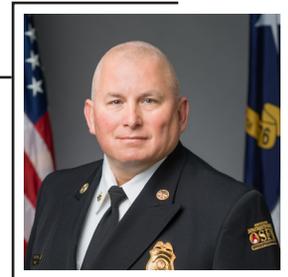
MIKE CAUSEY, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER & STATE FIRE MARSHAL
BRIAN TAYLOR, CHIEF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

We have been working diligently on the Office of State Fire Marshal reorganization. Changes have been made to best serve the citizens of North Carolina

Brian Taylor – Chief State Fire Marshal/Assistant Commissioner



**Mike Williams – Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal of Fire & Rescue Services & FIU;
Senior Deputy Commissioner**



Brian Wade – Division Chief Fire & Rescue Training, Commission and RPD

This division oversees special training programs, staffs the commission and regulates training delivery agencies, such as community colleges, fire departments and high school programs.



Bill Marshall – Unit Supervisor Fire Investigations Unit (FIU)

The Fire Investigations Unit, OSFM’s newest division, provides resources such as electrical, structural and fire protection engineers, as well as forensic experts, to train local and state fire investigators.



Davie Summey – Division Chief Fire Ratings & Inspections, Governmental Services, AFFF and GIS

The Ratings and Inspections Division regulates and rates fire departments for insurance rating and administers state fire service grants. It also houses the GIS program.



Allan Buchanan – Division Chief Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

The Community Risk Reduction Division oversees fire prevention programs. It also works closely with the Governor’s Highway Safety Program on Child Passenger Safety programs. The Division also works with the Department of Health and Human Services on Operation Medicine Drop drug take-back events and programs.



Rob Roegner – Chief Deputy of Engineering Services



Carl Martin – Division Chief Codes & Interpretation

This division provides staffing to the N.C. Building Code Council and interpretation of the State Building Code, as well as:

- Plan review assistance for qualifying county jurisdiction private property commercial buildings
- Educational source material expertise for code official educational programs and qualification board standard certificates
- Engineering for manufactured and modular buildings
- New data collection tasks assigned by the N.C. legislature related to Weston’s Law
- SERT and DCERT staffing activities



Bryan Heckle – Division Chief Risk Management

Risk Management insures all state properties, including state university and community college buildings, along with Department of Public Instruction locations. This division also provides personal liability coverages for state employees.



Joe Starling – Division Chief Field Services

This newly developed section encompasses all the field services offered through the Engineering Division including:

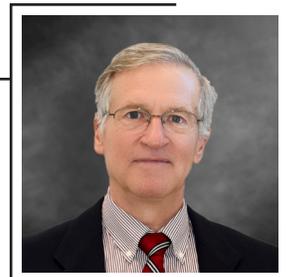
- Fire inspections of all state-owned buildings
- Electrical inspections of DOT installation sites
- Interpretations of the State Electrical Code and related regulations
- Performing inspections of N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NORR) projects
- Managing SERT and DCERT operations



Mike Hejduk – Division Supervisor Licensing & Certifications

This division provides:

- Licensing for pyrotechnicians and home inspectors
- New licensing tasks for manufactured building sales personnel and set-up contractors
- New Labeling tasks for modular buildings
- Certification for all 3 levels of the five trades for code officials, and a new certification for Residential Change-out Inspector
- Educational tracking and development activities for all of licenses and certificates



HIGHLIGHTING: RATINGS AND INSPECTIONS

The ratings and inspections division has been striving to get the fire department inspection cycle on a five-year schedule, and we can proudly say we have now achieved that goal thanks to the support of OSFM leadership and the work of the dedicated ratings inspectors.

We've also been working to reduce the number of fire departments with a straight class 9 rating. In the last five years we have assisted over 135 departments in lowering their rating, which is saving the citizens more than 50% on their insurance premiums. There are now only 150 departments remaining with a straight class 9 rating.

The hiring of a Geographic Information System (GIS) specialist has greatly improved the accuracy of the mapping process used for rating inspections. The specialist has also been assisting county GIS personnel on how to submit mapping information to ensure we have the most accurate information possible.

We have developed an online course offered each quarter to help departments prepare for an upcoming inspection. This class has been well received by fire departments and conducting it online has enabled us to reach more departments in a much shorter period of time.

The division has also implemented the use of a program that conducts a rating analysis of a fire department's most recent rating. This information can be used to show departments where they can focus their efforts to possibly obtain a better rating in the future.

The ratings and inspections staff is constantly looking for ways to improve its processes to provide better service to the fire departments in North Carolina.