

2023

YEAR IN REVIEW

THE DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The NH State Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for protecting the public and working with the state's fire service through coordinated efforts in public education, code enforcement, hazardous materials, and fire incident investigation. These efforts reduce the loss of life and property due to fire, building collapse, explosive incidents, and other emergencies in the State of New Hampshire,

which contributes to the economic viability of the State. The Division is divided into three bureaus: the Bureau of Outreach and Education (BOE), the Bureau of Building Safety and Construction (BSC), and the Bureau of Investigations (BOI). The Division of Fire Safety is led by State Fire Marshal/Director Sean P. Toomey. The Director's current term of office runs through March 31, 2028.



OUTREACH & EDUCATION

The Bureau of Outreach and Education participated in 73 outreach events in 2023. This was up from 44 in 2022. We also provided 30 educational classes to our first responder partners.



OUTREACH EVENTS

73



30

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

In 2023, New Hampshire fire departments reported responding to 196,604 calls for service. 3,167 fires occurred in New Hampshire during this same period, causing \$48,091,450 in total fire damage with 31 civilian and 50 firefighter fire-related injuries.



196,604
CALLS FOR SERVICE



3,167
FIRES

TOTAL IN FIRE DAMAGES

\$48,091,450



FIRE-RELATED INJURIES

31
CIVILIANS



50
FIREFIGHTERS



Mission

It is our mission to save lives and property through education, engineering and enforcement.



Core Values

Professionalism | Integrity
Respect | Consistency



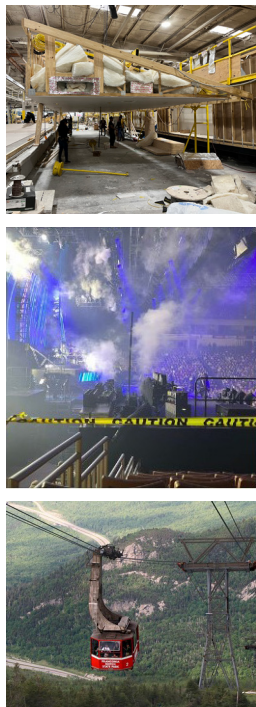
Social Media

Over the past three years, our Facebook followers increased by 19%, from 7,600 to 9,223, and our Twitter followers increased by 21%, from 2,736 to 3,256. We ended 2023 with 775 Instagram followers. We continue to notice an increase in local news outlets monitoring our social media feeds and supplementing their coverage with our fire safety tips.



TOTAL # OF FOLLOWERS BY SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNEL

Facebook 9.8K
Instagram 775
Twitter 3.3K



BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION

The Bureau of Building Safety and Construction is responsible for inspectional services, modular housing, fireworks safety and licensing and tramway and amusement ride safety.



- 767 permits issued (↑ 12% from 2022 CY)
- 2,062 inspections conducted (↑ 53% from 2022 CY)
- 1,774 technical consultations performed (↑ 10% from 2022 CY)
- 81 fire code variances provided (↓ 11% from 2022 CY)

Modular Housing Program

- 1,374 labels issued
- 173 inspections conducted
- 575 units shipped to NH
- 4 new manufacturer applications received

Fireworks Safety and Licensing Unit

- 54 proximate audience licenses issued
- 25 consumer fireworks retail store licenses issued
- 107 inspections conducted

Tramway and Amusement Ride Safety Section

- 647 amusement rides registered
- 1,191 inspections conducted
- 5 amusement incidents investigated

Tramway Inspections

- 175 registrations issued
- 335 inspections conducted
- 21 incidents reported

INVESTIGATIONS

The Bureau of Investigations responded to 83 scenes in 2023, 25 of which were death investigations, and two involved multiple victims (12 fire, 2 CO, 13 other). They worked 21 criminal cases with one arrest (five complaints/charges). They assisted with the prosecution of five other individuals that were arrested by other agencies.

The Bureau of Investigations' two ignitable liquid detection canine teams were deployed 23 times in 2023. They also performed 57 canine demonstrations at outreach and education events around the state.



TIMES K-9 TEAMS WERE DEPLOYED



K-9 DEMOS



83 SCENES

25 DEATH INVESTIGATIONS / 27 VICTIMS

2 CARBON MONOXIDE

12 FIRE

13 OTHER



21 CRIMINAL CASES

1 ARREST

