



# BUDGET REQUEST

2025-2027 Biennium



**NORTH DAKOTA**  
Insurance Department

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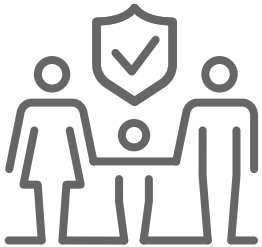


# ABOUT OUR AGENCY

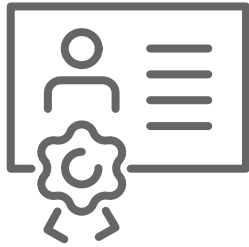
## Our Mission

*Safeguarding the promises made to North Dakotans and fostering a fair and thriving marketplace to meet the needs of our consumers and evolving insurance industry.*

## Our Core Functions



**Consumer  
Protection**



**Company &  
Producer Licensing**



**Market Conduct &  
Financial Regulation**



**Product  
Regulation**

## Our Numbers

**2,578**

**Companies  
Licensed by the  
Department**

**125,429**

**Producers  
Licensed by the  
Department**

**\$3.3  
million**

**Consumer  
Assistance Relief  
in 2023**

## Our Divisions

**Property & Casualty**

**Life & Health**

**Administrative**

**Producer Licensing**

**Fraud**

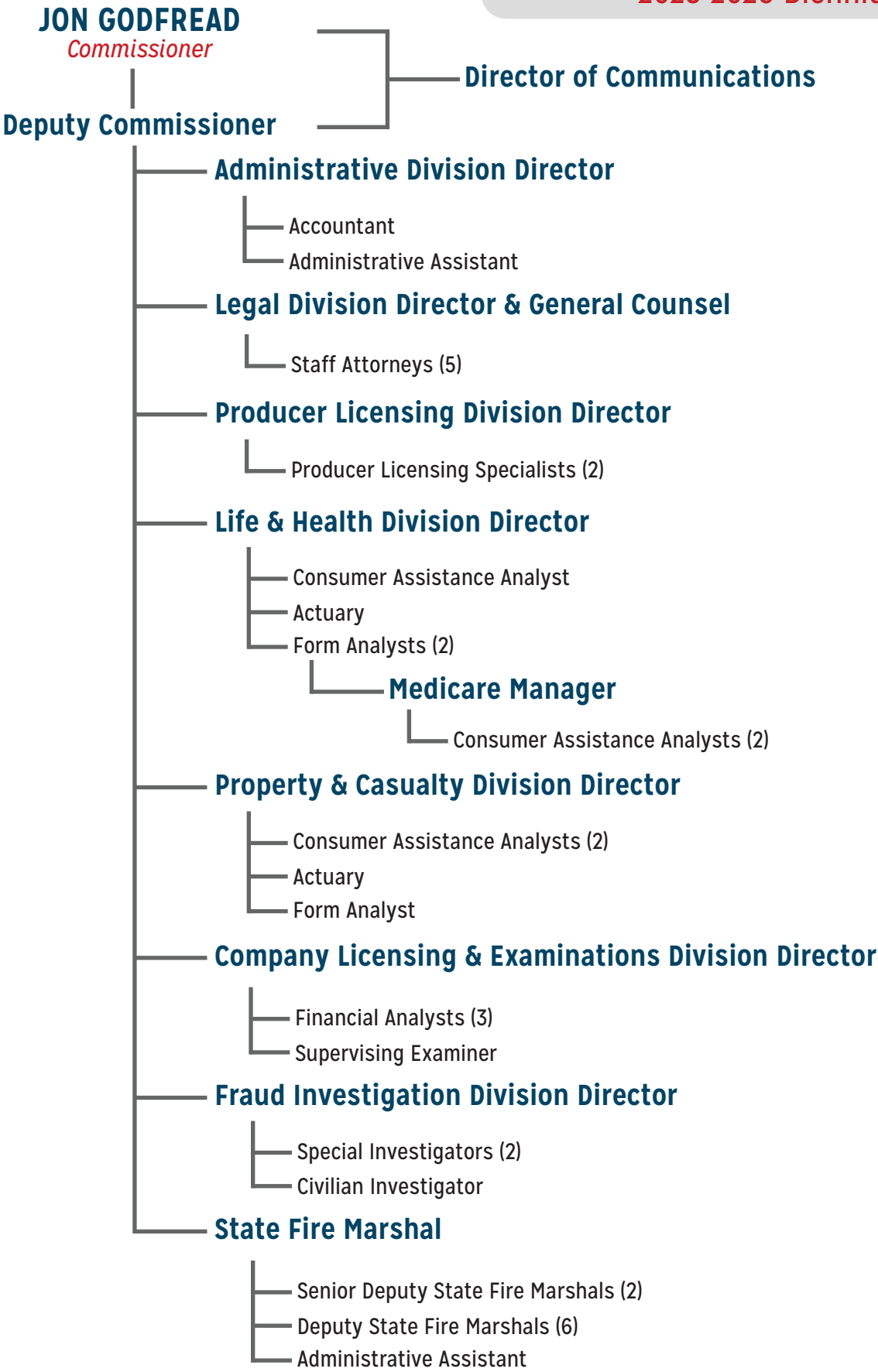
**Legal**

**Company Licensing & Examinations**

**State Fire Marshal**

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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# BUDGET BY DIVISION



# OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL



## Transition Successes

Increased focus on Community Risk Reduction (CRR) initiatives.

Launch of dedicated website and social media channels.

Integrated Deputy Fire Marshal offices into local fire halls.

7 of 8 Deputy positions have been filled.

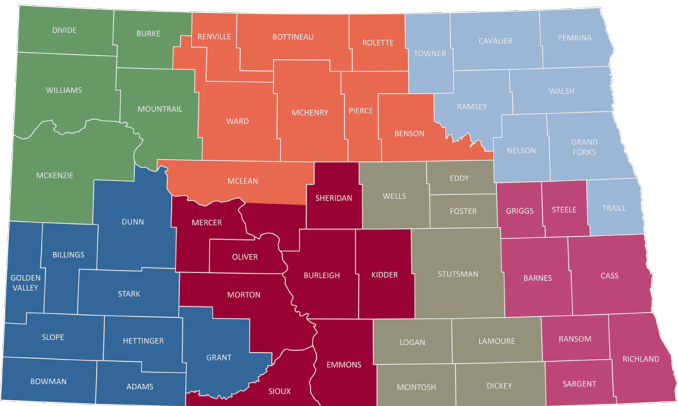
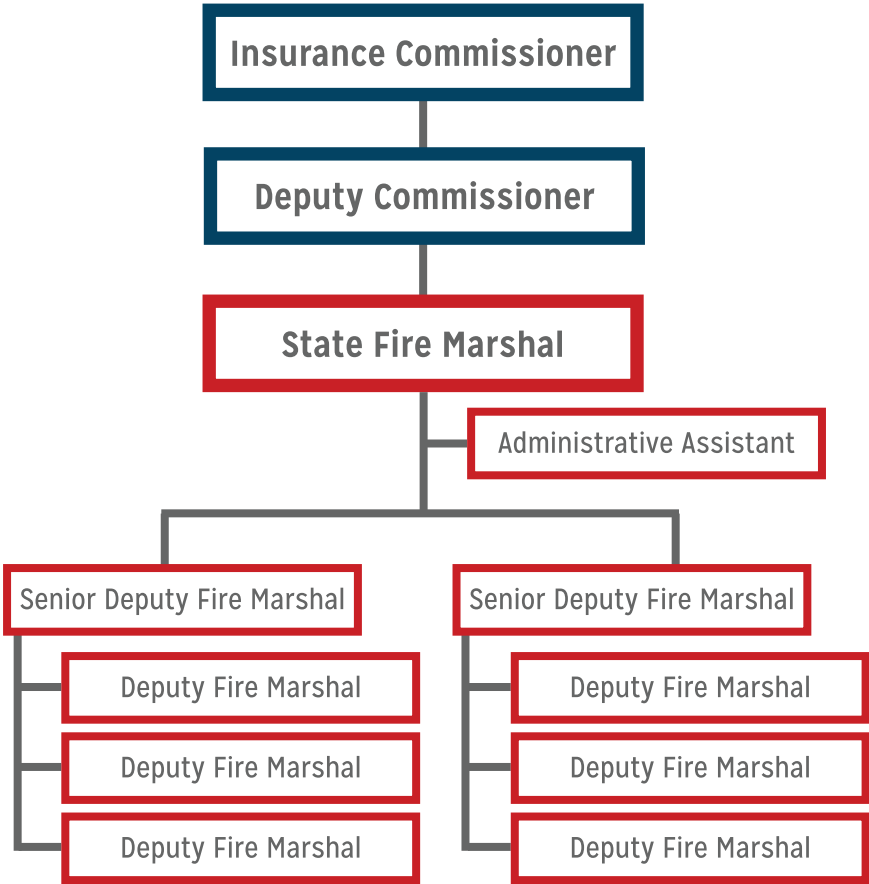
59% decrease in fire districts with ISO 10 ratings since 2023.

Increase in fire districts reporting incidents.

The State Fire Marshal is responsible for enforcing state laws relating to the storage, sale, and use of combustibles and explosives, installation and maintenance of automatic or other fire alarms and fire extinguishing equipment, and for inspections of State buildings, public and private schools, child care facilities, and licensed liquor establishments.

From statehood to the 1960s, the State Fire Marshal reported the Insurance Commissioner. To focus on arson investigations and fire-related crimes, the Fire Marshal's office was moved to the Office of the Attorney General. In 2023, the 68th Legislative Assembly approved legislation (SB 2211) that moved the Office of the State Fire Marshal back to the Insurance Department.

Today, the State Fire Marshal is appointed by the Insurance Commissioner. The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a division within the North Dakota Insurance Department.



## Deputy Fire Marshal Locations

- West Fargo
- Jamestown
- Bismarck
- Dickinson
- Williston
- Minot
- Grand Forks

# BUDGET REQUEST AT-A-GLANCE

## 25-27 Budget Request

| Description         | Requested Amount | % Change from 23-25** |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Salaries & Benefits | \$12,723,358*    | 11.83%                |
| Operating           | \$2,635,603      | -0.08%                |
| Capital Assets      | \$90,000         | -61%                  |
| NDFA Pass-through   | \$2,400,000      | 0%                    |

\*Not accounting for legislative increases.

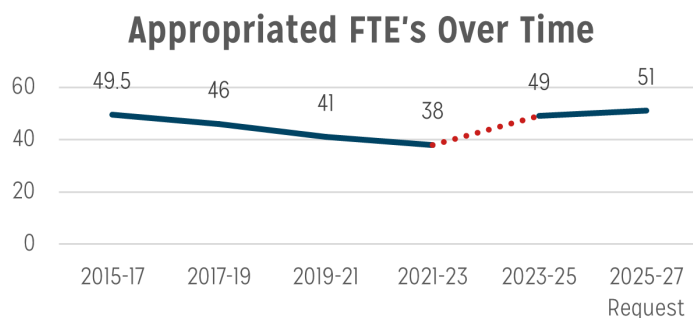
\*\*Percentage changes are based on appropriated amounts.

## Requested FTEs

*Salary & fringe benefits included.*

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| <b>Company Financial Analyst</b>  | <b>Communications Specialist</b>  | <b>Staff Attorney</b>  | <b>Consumer Assistance Analyst</b>  |
| \$194,536   | \$177,606   | \$257,408  | \$199,370   |

## Appropriated FTE History



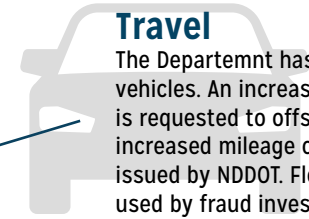
\*Ten FTEs were added due to the transfer of the State Fire Marshal from the Attorney General.



### Retirement & Overtime

Due to anticipated retirements by long-time team members and the overtime accrued by the State Fire Marshal division, \$83,250 is requested to meet those obligations.

# OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN



## Travel

The Departemnt has nine fleet vehicles. An increase in funds is requested to offset the 69% increased mileage charge being issued by NDDOT. Fleet vehicles are used by fraud investigators and deputy fire marshals.

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| Travel                                   | \$ 645,058 |
| IT - Software/Supplies                   | \$ 37,150  |
| Professional Supplies                    | \$ 33,222  |
| Safety                                   | \$ 35,001  |
| Building Supplies                        | \$ 1,200   |
| Miscellaneous Supplies                   | \$ 15,700  |
| Office Supplies                          | \$ 10,080  |
| Postage                                  | \$ 2,959   |
| Printing                                 | \$ 17,098  |
| IT Equipment under \$5,000               | \$ 11,401  |
| Other Equipment under \$5,000            | \$ 15,600  |
| Office Equipment/Furniture under \$5,000 | \$ 19,651  |
| Insurance                                | \$ 11,090  |
| Rental/Leases - Equipment/Other          | \$ 4,320   |
| Rental/Leases - Building & Land          | \$ 320,080 |
| Repairs                                  | \$ 6,959   |
| IT - Data Processing                     | \$ 555,376 |
| IT - Communications                      | \$ 108,396 |
| IT - Contract Service/Repair             | \$ 7,200   |
| Professional Development                 | \$ 125,066 |
| Operating Fees and Services              | \$ 95,599  |
| Professional Services                    | \$ 539,400 |

## IT

The Department is seeking additional funds to offset the increased expenses from NDIT. This includes an 11% increase in data processing fees, 26% increase in phone usage fees, and 20% increase in technology support fees. These charges are required by NDIT.

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 2,635,603</b> |
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# FUNDING SOURCES

