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Members of the House Appropriations Committee – Government Operations Division,

This email is in response to the request made by the committee for a copy of North Dakota Century Code Section 18-04-05, which identifies how funding is to be allocated to fire departments from the insurance tax distribution fund. The section is below:

18-04-05. Amount due cities, rural fire protection districts, or rural fire departments - Transfer to firefighters death benefit fund - Disbursement to North Dakota firefighter's association - Payments by insurance commissioner.

1. The insurance commissioner shall disburse funds in the insurance tax distribution fund as provided under this section.
2. The insurance commissioner shall transfer an amount of up to fifty thousand dollars per biennium, as may be necessary, to the firefighters death benefit fund for distribution under chapter 18-05.1.
3. The insurance commissioner shall disburse funds to the North Dakota firefighter's association for uses authorized under chapter 18-03, subject to legislative appropriations.
4. The insurance commissioner shall compute the amounts due to the certified city fire departments, certified rural fire departments, or certified fire protection districts entitled to benefits under this chapter on or before December first of each year. The insurance commissioner shall allocate one-half of the biennial legislative appropriation for distribution under this subsection, to each eligible city not within a certified fire protection district, each certified rural fire protection district organized under this title, and each rural fire department certified by the state fire marshal, and pay the amount allocated in December of each year. The allocation must be made in proportion to the amount of insurance company premiums received by insurance companies pursuant to section 26.1-03-17 for policies for fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, commercial multiple peril, and crop hail insurance on property within the city, certified rural fire protection district, or area served by the certified rural fire department to the total of those premiums for those policies in the state.

If you have any questions or would like to request additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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