

BUDGET REQUEST

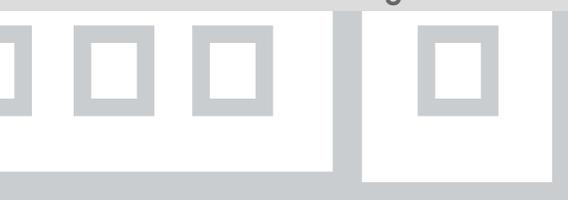
2025-2027 Biennium



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

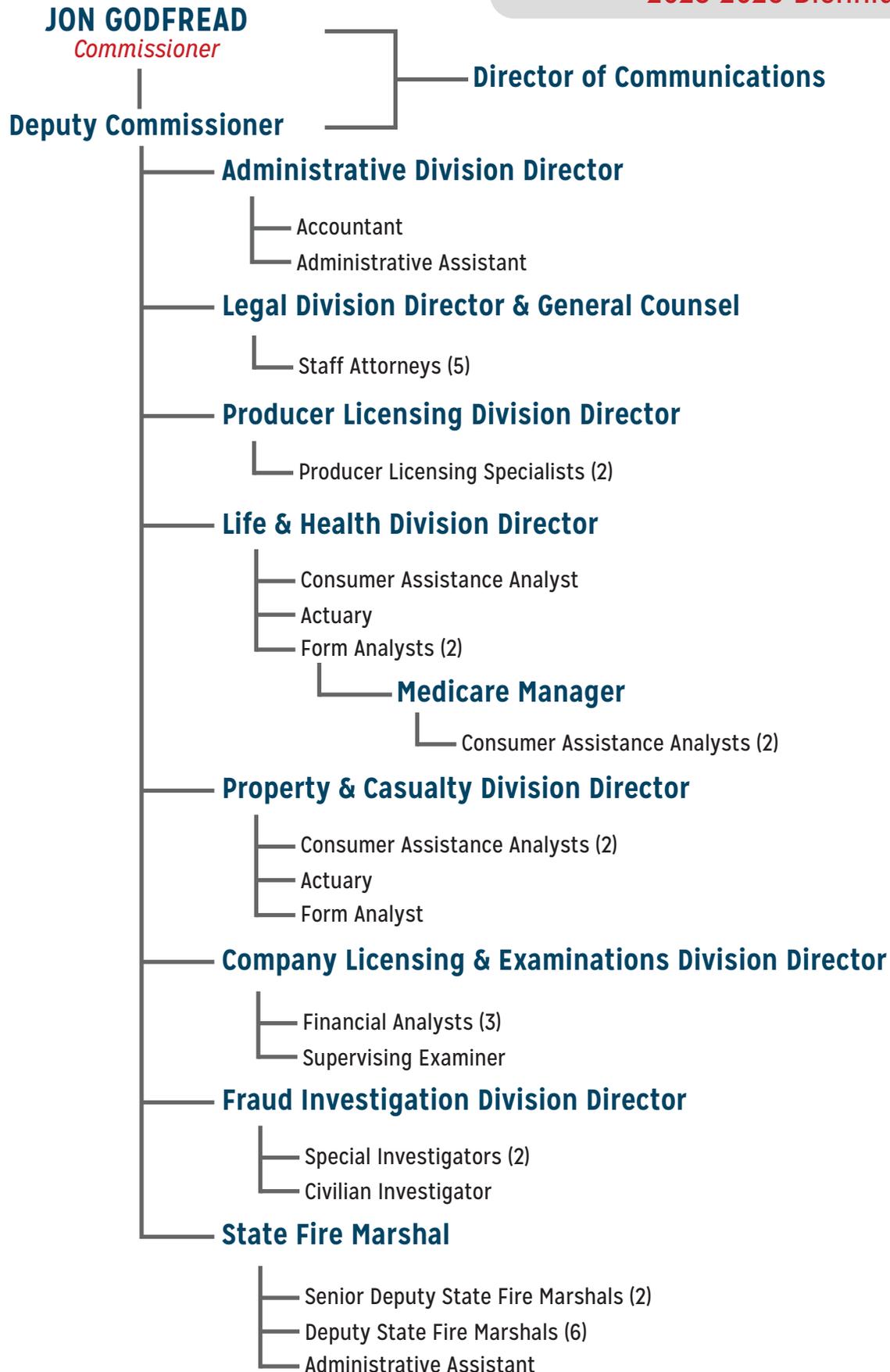
Legal

Company Licensing & Examinations

State Fire Marshal

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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BUDGET BY DIVISION



OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL



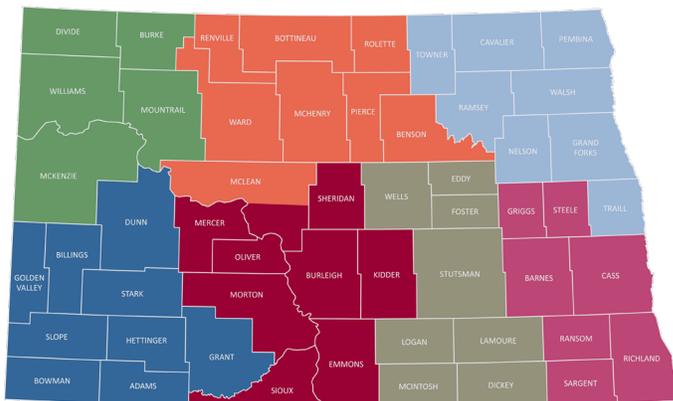
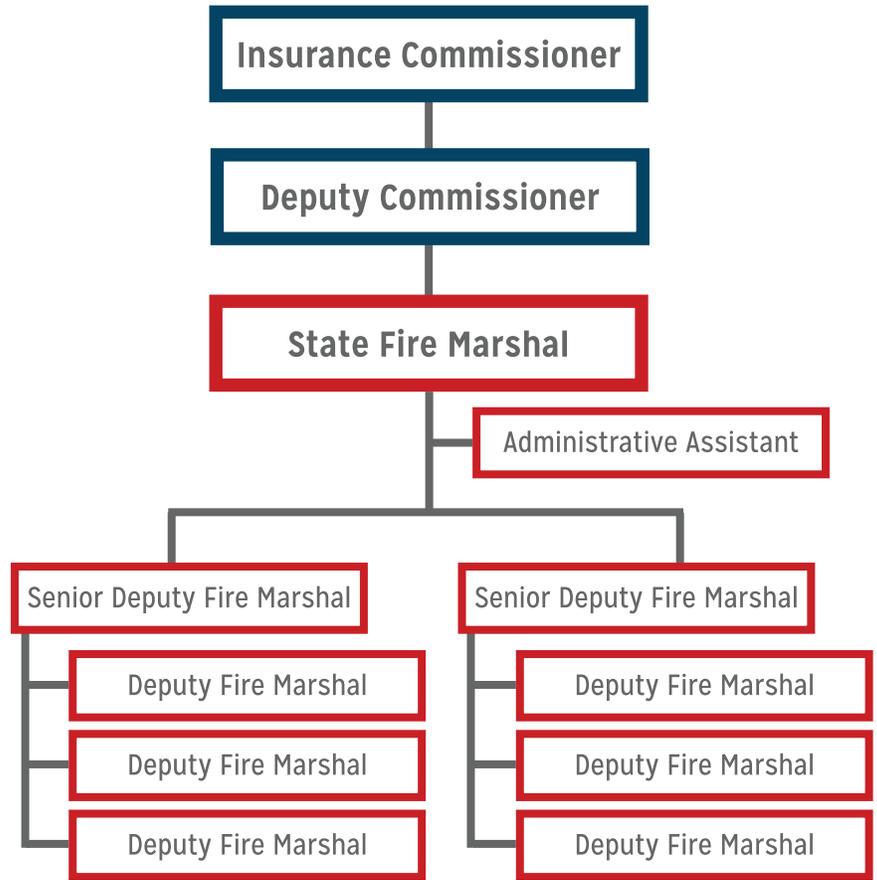
The State Fire Marshal is responsible for enforcing state laws relating to the storage, sale, and use of combustibles and explosives, installation and maintenance of automatic or other fire alarms and fire extinguishing equipment, and for inspections of State buildings, public and private schools, child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

From statehood to the 1960s, the State Fire Marshal reported to 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.

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.



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%
NDA Pass-through	\$2,400,000	0%

*Not accounting for legislative increases.

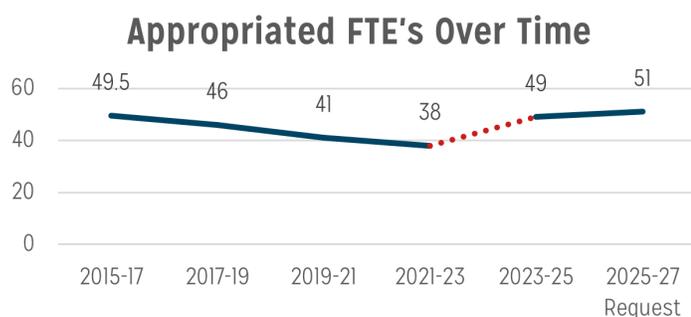
**Percentage changes are based on appropriated amounts.

Requested FTEs

Salary & fringe benefits included.

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

Appropriated FTE History



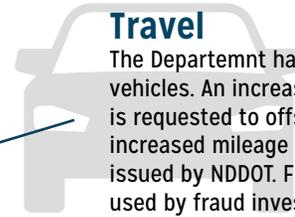
*Ten FTEs were added due to the transfer of the State Fire Marshal from the Attorney General.



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.

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.

Total **\$ 2,635,603**

FUNDING SOURCES

Fees & fines generated by the insurance industry

Insurance Premium Taxes

1.75%

Insurance Tax Distribution Fund

Fire Districts
Continuing Appropriation
CY2024: \$14,556,938
CY2023: \$13,494,370

\$102 million

Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund

Insurance Department budget
\$15.4 million

North Dakota Firefighter's Association - \$2.4 million

Limited to \$1 million reserve after each fiscal year. Anything in excess is turned over to the General Fund.

\$6.1 million
(Estimated)

General Fund