

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Insurance Commissioner

Fire Marshal

Director of Fire Training/Services/ FM Office

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Related

DOI Created
First commissioner is James Young
1899

NCSFA created
1887

1900

Position has authority to conduct fire investigations and maintain fire reports.

Every city and town now required to have fire chief
1901

*Insurance Commissioner now elected position
1907*

Fireman's relief fund created
1907

1910

First State FM
Sherwood Brockwell
1914

Stacey Wade new commissioner
1921

Great New Bern Fire
1922

1920

Daniel Boney new commissioner
1927

First state fire college
1929

1930

NC Assoc. Fire Chiefs created
1932

State building code council created
1931

First state building code (correct?)
1936

State building code council legislation
1933

State volunteer FD created by legislation,
1939

1940

William Hodges new commissioner
1942

Counties can create FDs
1945

State fire insurance rating bureau created,
1945

1950

Waldo Cheek new commissioner
1949

Charles Gold new commissioner
1953

Brockwell dies
No replacement appointed
1953

Rural fire districts can be created
1951

Deputy fire marshals Everett B. Jones, Kenneth Dixon, and Kern E. Church divide the duties of state fire marshal, while insurance commissioner will reportedly "take his time" to name a replacement.

Sherman Pickard hired
1955

Fire and Rescue Training Division of NCDOT created
1955

First state fire training program delivered
1958

Elwood Inscow hired to help Pickard deliver the program.

Fireman's pension fund created
1957

First state fire prev school
1957

1960

Edward Lanier new commissioner
1963

No new state fire marshal is named. The role is eventually assumed by the state insurance commissioner.

Fire and Rescue Training adds governance of rescue organizations
1962

Elwood Inscow new head
1966

1970

When is the position of state fire marshal combined with the position of the state insurance commissioner? To be determined.

Replaced Pickard. By that time, division name is cited as both Fire and Rescue Services and Fire and Rescue Training.

State reorg. Role of fire investigation transferred from DOI to DOI/SBI
1971

Fire and Rescue Training division established as separate division in DOI
1973

Fireman's pension fund created
1957

First state fire prev school
1957

John Ingram new commissioner
1973

State Fire Commission established
1977

1980

Jim Long new commissioner
1985

Legislative reference to state fire marshal = state insurance commissioner
1985

First legislative clarification of the combined roles?

Phillip Riley new head
1984

Emergency Services division created, includes fire commission, fire services
1983

Fire Commission moved to NCDOT
1985

First state certifications for EMTs
1987

Relief fund for rescue workers
1987

Fire and Rescue Services moves to Seaboard Ave.

1990

Who led after Riley's retirement in 1991? TBD

Tim Bradley new head
1994

Imperial Foods fire in Hamlet
1992

Wayne Goodwin new commissioner
2009

OSFM created
1998

OSFM begins rating FDs and districts < 100K pop
2000

Last state fire college
2003

2000

NCCFF memorial dedicated
2006

OSFM relocates to Chapanoke Road in 2003.

2010

Rick McIntyre new head
2013

Mike Causey new commissioner
2017

Chief State Fire Marshal position created
Brian Taylor appointed
2017

2020

DOI and OSFM relocate to Albermarle Building in 2017.