

# History of the Office of State Fire Marshal

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## Introduction

This documents contains some but not nearly all of the legislative acts over the decades related to the department of insurance and the state fire service. Have picked and chosen the most impactful, and a few of the more colorful ones.

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## Timeline

Year	Date	Milestone	Sources
Pre-History		First fire engine in state in 1756. First legislation to incorporate/charter fire companies in 1791. First steam engines in 1860s. First modern waterworks in 1880s. State associations formed in 1887 (NCSFA) and 1890 (NCVFA). Disabled firemen’s act passed in 1891. Etc.	Legeros research.

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1899	1899, March 6	<p>Legislation, Chapter 55, Public Laws. Department of Insurance created by legislative act. Runs 45 pages.</p> <p>First Insurance Commissioner is James R. Young.</p> <p>Formation of department was result of a campaign started on Oct 27, 1898, when 34 local independent agents in Raleigh met, to discuss plans for improving business practices. At the time there was no regulation of any kind over agents and companies and the "unsavory activities of a few" had given the industry a black eye. Out of the meeting came the new North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents, with Alexander Webb of Raleigh as first president. The association decided that one of its first actions would be pressing for creation of a state department insurance. Col. James R. Young, a local agent from Henderson, was named the first commissioner.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws, 1899. Ch. 55. Pg. 191.</p> <p>News and Observer, May 16, 1965</p>
1899	1899, March 9	<p>Legislation. Chapter 58, Public Laws 1899. An act to provide for the investigation of incendiary fires.</p> <p>Gives authority to state insurance commissioner, plus the chief of the fire department or fire committee in all cities and towns, to investigate the cause of all fires, as well as conduct building inspections. Also details duties of insurance commissioner regarding investigations and fire report.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws, 1899, Ch. 58, pg. 193</p>
1901	1901, March 14	<p>Legislation. Chapter 677, Public Laws 1901. An act to create the office of " Chief of Fire Department "</p> <p>Every city and town in the state now required to have such an officer, and with duties and responsibilities including fire prevention and investigation of fires, the latter noted in chapter 58 of public laws 1899.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws, 1901, Ch. 677, pg 907</p> <p>NCSFA proceedings, 1901, mentioned.</p>
1905	1905, March 6	<p>Legislation. Chapter 50, Public Laws 1905. AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 677 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1901 TO PREVENT FIRE WASTE.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws 1905, Ch. 50, pg 507</p>

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1905	1905, March 6	Legislation. Chapter 518, Public Laws 1905. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR STATE PROPERTY AND PROTECT THE INMATES OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS.	NC Public Laws 1905, Ch. 518, pg. 524
1905	1905, Feb. 24	Legislation. Chapter 295, Public Laws 1905. AN ACT TO PROTECT WOOD AND TIMBER LANDS FROM FIRE.  Note: Excluding future legislation about woods/forest fires from this document for now.	
1907	1907, March 11	Legislation.  Insurance Commissioner now elected by popular election.	NC Public Laws, 1907, pg. 1267
1907	1907, Mar 9	Legislation. Chapter 831, Public Laws 1907. AN ACT TO CREATE A "FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND," AND TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE SEVERAL TOWNS AND CITIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.  Authorizes local Firemen's Relief Funds for incorporated municipalities, funded by monies collected from insurance companies on premiums collected from within those municipalities, with requirements for fire departments that include yearly certified report of their equipment and other information, and to be administered by a board of trustees.	NC Public Laws, Ch. 831, pg.1178
1909	1909, March 6	Legislation. Chapter 637. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FIRE ESCAPES AND PROTECT HUMAN LIFE.  Requires "fire escapes" e.g. "sufficient exits" in all buildings where people assemble, and fire escapes for all buildings were stairwell exits, etc., are not sufficient.	NC Public Laws 1909, ch. 637, pg. 1015

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1914	1914, Jul 13	<p>Sherwood Brockwell resigns as Chief of the Raleigh Fire Department. He's as Deputy Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal.</p> <p>As the story goes, Brockwell as Raleigh Fire Chief gave an address on "Fire Prevention As An Integral Part of The Fire Service" which he made to the North Carolina Mayor's Association, and its endorsement by the Mayors and other officials present so impressed Colonel James R. Young, State Insurance Commissioner, that he decided to put it into practice, at once and created a position for Brockwell.</p> <p>Two days after hired, he announced plans for a statewide training program for FD personnel throughout the state. Was immediately endorsed by NC fire chief's association [??] and co-sponsored by NCDOT and NCSFA.</p> <p>For years, until 1929, he travels up and down the state, training FFs on their apparatus and the buildings in their communication. It was the first statewide program of FF training. Later, he was invited by six other states to help them start similar programs.</p> <p>The work brought a steady growth of municipal fire protection in NC. "It caused North Carolina to buy more modern apparatus than any other three million people on Earth," he said in a 1949 interview.</p>	<p>News &amp; Observer, July 31, 1949</p> <p>NCSFA proceedings 1955, Brockwell biography.</p>
1919	1919, Mar 10	<p>Legislative Act. Chapter 244, Public Laws 1919. AN ACT TO AMEND SUBCHAPTER 8, CHAPTER 136, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1917, RELATING TO PROTECTING AGAINST FIRE OF PROPERTY OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.</p> <p>Municipalities can extend water mains, et al, up to two miles outside city limits, for fire protection.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws 1919, Ch. 244, pg. 454</p>

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1915	1915, Jul 21	Snapshot. Reports the News & Observer, Captain Sherwood Brockwell left yesterday for Clinton, where he'll "take charge of the installation" of the town's new fire apparatus. He had just returned from High Point, where "he put in some good work for fire prevention."	N&O, Jul 21, 1915
1918	1918, Feb 1	Snapshot. Reports the News & Observer, the NCDOT this week is "waging a fire prevention campaign" in several counties and cities around the state. Two deputy commissioners, Brockwell and N. B. Cannady, and two field agents, Mrs. John S. Cunningham and Mrs. W. R. Hollowell, are visiting various parts of the state. Brockwell has been in Winston-Salem all week, making an inspection of all hotels, schools, colleges, and theaters. Cannady has been in Hamlet, Rockingham, Wadesboro, and Monroe, inspecting "electing installations and wiring" there. The two others have been "organizing safety leagues in the schools" and "generally spreading the gospel of fire prevention."	N&O, Feb 1, 1918.
1919		Legislation. Fire safety and fire drills for school buildings.	NCSFA 1955 proceedings, Brockwell biography.
1921		Stacey W. Wade appointed Insurance Commissioner.	
1921	1921, Mar 4	Legislation. Chapter 119, Public Laws 1921. AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO GIVE FALSE FIRE ALARMS.  Makes as a felony the burning of insured property.	NC Public Laws 1921, Ch. 119, pg. 375.
1921	1921, Feb 17	Legislation. Chapter 46, Public Laws 1921. AN ACT TO PUNISH THE BURNING OF INSURED PROPERTY.  Makes it unlawful to "give false fire alarms."	NC Public Laws 1921, Ch. 46, pg. 293
1922	1922, Dec 1	Great New Bern fire. The following day, the Insurance Commissioner dispatches Sherwood Brockwell to give "all official service" possible.	N&O, Dec. 2, 1922

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1923		Legislation. Standard exits required for all theaters.	NCSFA 1955 proceedings, Brockwell biography.
1925		Action by Governor. Budget memos 36 and 137 order that all permanent buildings erected by the state, including educational buildings, be of fire-resistive construction.	NCSFA 1955 proceedings, Brockwell biography.
1927		Daniel C. Boney appointed Insurance Commissioner.	
1927		Statewide simultaneous drill of 750,000 held, the largest in the state to date, a culmination of ten years of work by Brockwell.	NCSFA 1955 proceedings, Brockwell biography.
1928		At NCSFA annual convention, Sherwood Brockwell suggests they create a state fire college. Members approve the idea.	
1929		First state fire college, first of kind in nation [run by a state FF association], conducted by NCSFA. Brockwell is chairman of the committee to create. Becomes permanently annual offering, as approved by NCSFA membership in 1930. Brockwell is called the “conductor” over the years, de factor Director.	
1930		After second fire college held in Wilmington, NCSFA members approving adding as a permanent part of NCSFA. The event is subsequently held annually until 2003.	
1931		North Carolina Building Code Council organized by Brockwell and State College Professor W. G. Beile.	Citation goes here. Believe it’s from Cosmo Cox remarks at NCSFA convention in 195_, after the death of Brockwell.
1932		North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs created.	

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1933	1933, May 9	<p>Legislation. HB 490. AN ACT TO CREATE A BUILDING CODE COUNCIL FOR NORTH CAROLINA.</p> <p>See 1931 above.</p>	NCPL, ch.392, p.591.
1934	1934, July	<p>Governor appoints Building Code Council, as authorized by 1933 legislation. Once appointed, it “proceeded to study thoroughly the building code as adopted by the unofficial Building Code Council.” The unofficial code was “thoroughly revised, rewritten, and adopted by the council as the official building code of the state.” By law, before the code was effective, it must be approved by the Insurance Commissioner, which he did.</p>	N&O, Dec. 20, 1936.
1936	1936, December	<p>News &amp; Observer reports that the North Carolina Building Code Council has issued a complete building code for the state, and it has been published in cooperation with North Carolina State College as Bulletin No. 10 of the Engineering Experiment Station.</p> <p>State building code is adopted after years of work by the North Carolina Building Code Council. The group was created in July 1931 and began drafting an unofficial building code. Legislation in May 1933 empowered the council and a code, and an official council was appointed by the Governor in July 1934. The new council immediately began reworking the unofficial building code into its final form, which was approved by the Insurance Commissioner.</p>	N&O, Dec. 20, 1936.

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1939	1939, Apr 3	<p>Legislation. HB 931. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH DEPARTMENT: AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS THEREOF.</p> <p>Creates a State Volunteer Fire Department, to provide protection for property outside the boundaries of municipalities, and provide for rendering assistance anywhere in the state for fires, disasters, etc. Section 3 designates the North Carolina State Fire Marshal as Fire Chief.</p> <p>Also, apparently, the first reference to “State Fire Marshal” in legislation.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws 1938-39, Ch. 364, pg. 811-817</p> <p>Legeros research</p>
1941	1941, Mar 15	<p>Legislation. HB 546. AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE, CREATING A BUILDING CODE COUNCIL FOR NORTH CAROLINA, BY RESTRICTING AND DEFINING THE AUTHORITY OF SUCH COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR APPEALS THEREFROM.</p> <p>North Carolina Building Code Council created and North Carolina Building Code adopted, re-codified and brought forward all building laws passed from 1899 on, and which applied primarily to towns of 1000 or more population. They incorporated many of Brockwell’s ideas for safety that had been in practice for years, including separating of fuel and furnace rooms in school buildings, and a system of separating stairways in school buildings. Brockwell helped write.</p> <p>This is, apparently, the first statewide building code.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws 1941, Ch. 480, pg.408</p> <p>News &amp; Observer, July 31, 1949</p> <p>NCSFA 1955 proceedings, Brockwell biography.</p>
1942		William P. Hodges appointed Insurance Commissioner.	



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1945	1945, Mar 6	<p>Legislation. SB107, AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER FIFTY-EIGHT OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA SO AS TO CREATE A FIRE INSURANCE RATING BUREAU AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF CASUALTY AND MISCELLANEOUS INSURANCE RATES.</p> <p>[Question, who was regulating the rates beforehand. Was it the North Carolina Inspection and Rating Bureau?]</p> <p>The bureau opened for business on December 1, 1945, on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the Commercial Building in Raleigh, in the quarters of the old North Carolina Inspection and Rating Bureau.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws, Chapter 380, page 443</p> <p>News &amp; Observer, Nov. 30, 1945</p>
1945	1945, Feb 23	<p>Legislation. SB 156. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS.</p> <p>Authorizes counties to establish and maintain fire departments.</p>	<p>NCPL, 1945, ch244, p278.</p>
1947	1947, Apr 5	<p>Legislation. SB 228. AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 69 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA BY ADDING AT THE END OF SAID CHAPTER A NEW ARTICLE TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN HOTELS AND OTHER BUILDINGS OF LIKE OCCUPANCY.</p> <p>Hotel law passed, drafted after the Winecoff Hotel fire in Atlanta in December 1946 that killed 121 people. It required a watchman clock system, an alarm system, closing off stairways and other vertical openings, and automatic sprinklers in shops and other establishments found in hotel buildings. Brockwell helped write.</p> <p>The Winecoff fire, along with the many killed that year in hotel fires in Chicago and Dubuque, IA, spurred fire code changes across the country.</p>	<p>NC Public Laws, 1947, Ch.1066, pg.1546</p> <p>News &amp; Observer, July 31, 1949</p> <p>Wikipedia,  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winecoff_Hotel_fire">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winecoff_Hotel_fire</a></p>

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1949	1949, Apr 21	<p>Legislation. SB 261. AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION TO MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR DEATH OR DISABILITY RESULTING FROM HEART DISEASE.</p> <p>Heart disease added to workman's compensation act, for firefighters. The amendment is ruled unconstitutional in a State Supreme Court decision on July 18, 1951, in Duncan vs. City of Charlotte.</p>	<p>NCPL, 1949, ch.1078.</p> <p>Charlotte Observer, July 18, 1951.</p> <p><a href="https://law.justia.com/cases/north-carolina/supreme-court/1951/530-1-5.html">https://law.justia.com/cases/north-carolina/supreme-court/1951/530-1-5.html</a></p>
1949	1949, Mar 9	<p>Legislation. HB 231. AN ACT TO A.MEND G. S. 160-238, RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE OF CORPORATE LIMITS.</p> <p>Relating to paid firemen covered by workman's comp, and all other immunities, protections, etc., if answer calls outside the 12-mile limit.</p>	<p>NCPL, 1949, ch89, p68.</p>
1949		<p>Waldo C. Cheek appointed Insurance Commissioner.</p>	
1951	1951, Apr 11	<p>Legislation. HB 369. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS.</p> <p>Provides methods that county commissioners can extend fire protection to rural areas. Upon a majority of qualified voters, in area outside of a municipality, the county commissioners must call an election to determine if a special tax will be levied (up to 10 cents per \$100 valuation). If majority of voters agree, the commissioners must levy the tax and provide fire protection by (1) contracting with any municipal FD, or any non-profit VFD, or with the Department of Corrections, or (2) through a county (run?) FD, or (3) establish a FD, or (4) utilize two or more of the above methods.</p>	<p>NCPL, 1951, ch.820, pg.806.</p>
1953	1953, Jun 2	<p>Sherwood Brockwell dies, was still on the job, and obituaries call him the Fire Marshal, the first Fire Marshal, etc. He had served 39 years.</p>	

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1953	1953, August	Insurance Commissioner Waldo C. Cheek plans to take his time naming a new State Fire Marshal, reports newspaper. Three deputy fire marshals will split the duties: Everett B. Jones, Kenneth Dixon, and Kern E. Church will divide the duties.	News & Observer, August 2, 1953.
1953		NCDOT Engineer and Deputy Fire Marshal Everett B. Jones appointed Director of Civil Defense Fire Services. Announced on August 1, 1953. Was the Civil Defense program also housed in NCDOT? TBD.	News & Observer, August 2, 1953.
1953		Charles F. Gold appointed Insurance Commissioner.	
1954		NCSFA, NCAFC approached NCDOT, requesting that they hire some people to develop a training program, that would be delivered at the local level.	NCSFA proceedings, 1954.
1955?		Legislation. SB 309. Updates laws making it unlawful to drive over hose, block fire equipment, etc., to be statewide and thus benefit rural FDs.	NCSFA proceedings, 1955. (p110)
1955?		Legislation. HB 184. Unlawful to follow fire apparatus too closely, outside any city or town.	NCSFA proceedings, 1955. (p110)
1955?	Apr 29, 1955	Legislation. SB 442. Authorizes “cooperative associations” to purchase, maintain, and use firefighting equipment”.	NC Session Laws 1955, ch746, p699

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1955		<p>The Fire and Rescue Training Division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance is organized. Sherman Pickard is hired to lead, after resigning from Burlington FD where he's a Captain, on November 19, 1955.</p> <p>Department snapshot, from 1955 city directory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles F. Gold, Commission</li> <li>• Charles W. Lewis, Chief Deputy</li> <li>• Building and Loan Division – William C York, Deputy Comm.</li> <li>• Company Operations Division – C. Cecil Duncan, Deputy Comm.</li> <li>• Fire Prevention Division – N. Ellis Canady, Chief Engineering</li> <li>• Life Actuarial Division – Robert W. Potts, Actuary</li> </ul>	Hose & Nozzle, Dec. 1955
1955	1955, May 29	<p>Legislation. North Carolina School Inspection Law.</p> <p>Amends Article 17, Chapter 115 of General Statues with regulations for reducing fires and protecting life and property in public school facilities.</p>	Hose & Nozzle, Oct. 1957, p10.
1957	1957, June 12	<p>Legislation. HB 1112. AN ACT CREATING A FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND.</p> <p>Updates Chapter 118 of Volume 3B of General Statues to create a Firemen's Pension Fund created.</p>	NC Session Laws 1957, ch. 1420, pg. 1609.
1957	1957, June 12	<p>Legislation. SB 534. AN ACT RELATING TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND ACT.</p> <p>Sets effective date for the Firemen's Pension Fund Act as August 15, 1957.</p>	NC Session Laws 1957, Ch1392, pg1585.
1957		<p>First North Carolina Fire Prevention School, held in Greensboro. Co-sponsored/endorsed by NCSFA and NCAFC.</p>	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38
1957		<p>This year, or slightly earlier, first NCDOI statewide training program initiated.</p>	

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1958	1958, July	NC Association of Mutual Insurance Agents presents a new movie camera and tripod to NCDOI, as a gift at their annual convention in Asheville, July 11-14. The equipment, valued at nearly \$1000, will be used to produce training films for firefighters and fire investigations.	News & Observer, June 8, 1958.
1958	1958, July	North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau adopts 1956 edition of "Standard Schedule Grading Cities and Towns with Reference to Their Fire Defense and Physical Conditions."  Departments formerly rated Rural AA and Rural A will be graded either 9AA or 9A.	Hose & Nozzle, Oct. 1958, p.10
1958	1958, Mar 17	H. Elwood Inscoe hired by NCDOI as instructor, to help Sherman Pickard deliver the state fire training program. Resigns from Rocky Mount FD to take job. At the time of his hiring, there were 250 fire departments in the state, said a 1973 story.	Hose & Nozzle, July-August 1973  Need source for hire date, from Legeros records.
1958	1958, Nov	Snapshot. Hose & Nozzle magazine explains state training program. The curriculum consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Units 1 to 4 – General Firemanship Skills</li> <li>• Units 21 to 22 – Pump Operator Skills and Knowledge</li> <li>• Unit 31 – Firefighting Officers Knowledge</li> <li>• Unit 41 – Instructors</li> <li>• Unit 51 - Administration</li> </ul>	Hose & Nozzle, November 1958.

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1959		<p>Legislation. HB 690. AN ACT CREATING A FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND.</p> <p>The Firemen's Pension Fund is re-created? Law includes creation of a Board of Trustees for the fund, including the state insurance commissioner and state auditor. Also creates state office of Secretary of the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund.</p>	NC Session Laws, ch 1212, pg1361
1959	1959, Apr 14	<p>Legislation. HB 269. AN ACT AMENDING G. S. 153-9 AND CREATING THE OFFICE OF COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL.</p> <p>Authorizes counties to create a county fire marshal.</p>	NC Session Laws 1959, ch. 290, p.242
1959	1959, June 4	<p>Legislation. HB 118. AN ACT TO PROHIBIT STATE EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND OTHER AGENCIES AND UNITS OF GOVERNMENT FROM BECOMING MEMBERS OF TRADE UNIONS OR LABOR UNIONS.</p> <p>Local chapters of the International Association of Fire Fighters around the state subsequently cease operations. The law is overturned in federal court in 1968.</p>	NCSL, 1959, ch.742, pg.731.
1959		<p>Snapshot. During calendar year, Pickard and Inscoe conducted 48 fire service training schools, with 2,663 firemen participating.</p> <p>In a letter to the state's firemen on January 15, 1960, Insurance Commissioner Charles Gold notes that they have difficulty fulfilling more requests, due to having only two men available.</p>	Hose & Nozzle, January 1960
1959	1959, summer	<p>State Board of Education establishes [or plans to establish] programs for training firemen, recalls NCDODC Director of Fire Services Training Keith Phillips in 1965. The initiative becomes of the curriculums for state community college program.</p>	NCSFA proceedings, 1965, p.237.

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1960	1960, April	Snapshot. Reports News & Observer on March 23, 1960, Sherman Pickard, "supervisor of firemen's training" from NCDOL, will lead five days of "intensive training" for the Dare Beaches Sanitary District Fire Department volunteer firemen. Classes on April 11-14, 1960, will be held nightly at the Carolinaian Hotel, and "outdoor training will be given."	News & Observer, March 23, 1960.
1962?		First annual North Carolina Rescue College held.	
1962		Edwin S. Lanier appointed Insurance Commissioner.	
1962	1962, July	State Advisory Committee on Firemanship Training formed.	NCSFA proceedings, 1963, pg.82.
1962	1962, Aug	At their annual meeting, the NCAFC approves a proposal for a "safety program for drivers of firefighting apparatus." Some 200 chiefs from around the state approve the project, that will encourage each FD to set up special programs for apparatus operators.	News & Observer, Aug. 21, 1962

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1962		<p>State fire office expands with more responsibilities, beginning with addition of rescue governance. Upon request by the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, the Department of Insurance develops a training program for rescue squads.</p> <p>Department snapshot, from 1963 city directory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edwin S. Lanier, Commission</li> <li>• Charles W. Lewis, Chief Deputy</li> <li>• Building and Loan Division – W. Conrad York, Director</li> <li>• Company Admissions Division – Ernest A. Randolph, Deputy Comm.</li> <li>• Engineering Division - N. Ellis Canady, Chief Engineer</li> <li>• Fire and Casualty Division – Fred D. Chambers, Deputy Comm.</li> <li>• Fire Prevention Division – N. Ellis Canady, Director</li> <li>• Licensing and Investigation Division – W. Gilbert O’Neal, Chief Inv.</li> <li>• Life Actuarial Division – Fred C. Cates, Chief Fiscal Exam.</li> </ul>	Source: NCSFA proceedings, 1962.
1964	1964, June	Snapshot. Jacksonville FD has completed a twelve-course training program on the “latest firefighting methods.” Covered such topics as “five major causes of failure, protective clothing, breathing equipment, and fog method of control.” The assigned NCDI instructor is H. Elwood Inscoe. Classes are held at the Northwoods fire station.	News & Observer, June 20, 1964
1964		By this year, the first community college(s) are conducting fire technology degree programs. (Rowan County, two-year program.)	
1965	1965, July	H. Elwood Inscoe resigns, takes job as field underwriter with Pennsylvania Lumbermen’s Mutual Insurance Company after eight years with NCDI.	News & observer, Dec. 6, 1966.



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1965	1965, May 19	<p>Legislation. HB841. AN ACT TO AMEND SUBDIVISION (1) OF G.S. 69-25.11 TO PROVIDE FOR ENLARGEMENT OF RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS UPON PETITION OF A MAJORITY OF PROPERTY OWNERS.</p> <p>Act to “liberalize” procedure for “increasing the fire district.” Changed from 100 percent to two-thirds of property owners in a proposed (rural?) area, who must make application for inclusion in the fire district. Also adds requirement of a public hearing</p>	<p>NC Session Laws 1965, Ch 625. NCSFA Proceedings 1965, p35.</p>
1965	1965, May 19	<p>Legislation. HB 840. AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 118-10 TO RELIEVE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF SENDING DELEGATES TO MEETINGS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.</p> <p>Rewrites 118-10 and no longer requires departments to send delegates to the annual meeting of the NCSFA, as a condition for receiving monies from the local relief fund.</p>	<p>NCSL, ch.624 NCSFA Proceedings 1965, p35.</p>
1965	1965, May 19	<p>Legislation. HB842. AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 153-9 TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTORS.</p> <p>Authorizes counties to adopt fire prevention codes, with approval of NCDOI. If a county adopts a code, one or more fire prevention inspectors must be appointed. And that person can be the County Fire Marshal or other county employee</p>	<p>NCSL, ch.626. NCSFA Proceedings 1965, p36.</p>
1965	1965, May 20	<p>Legislation. HB839. AN ACT TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE AUTHORITY OF FIREMEN AT THE SCENE OF A FIRE.</p> <p>Defines authority of all firefighters when engaging in firefighting or “attending to another emergency.” Authorizes them to do “any and all acts”. Also adds a general misdemeanor for interfering with them</p>	<p>NCSL, ch.648. NCSFA Proceedings 1965, p37.</p>

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1965	1965, May 26	<p>Legislation. HB838. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MUTUAL AID BETWEEN FIRE DEPARTMENTS.</p> <p>Covers FDs answering mutual aid, and grants the members the same authority, rights, privileges, and immunities as if in their own territory. Also grants same to a town, county, or sanitary district that sends/dispatches their FD, accordingly</p>	<p>NCSL, ch.707.</p> <p>NCSFA Proceedings 1965, p37.</p>
1965	1965, Apr 15	<p>Legislation. SB200. AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF BLUE WARNING LIGHTS ON POLICE VEHICLES.</p> <p>“Blue light” law. Provides authority for law enforcement vehicles to have blue, rather than red, warning lights. And unlawful for other vehicles to use blue lights.</p>	<p>NCSL, ch.257.</p> <p>NCSFA Proceedings 1965, p39.</p>
1966	1966, Dec. 6, by this date	H. Elwood Inscoe re-hired by NCDOT as new supervisor of fire and rescue services division. His annual salary is \$8,028.	News & Observer, Dec 6, 1966
1966		NCAFC sponsored first Municipal Fire Administration Class held in Raleigh, made contract at the time with Institute of Government to continue the course in Chapel Hill.	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38
1966	1966, Dec. 6, by this date	Sherman Pickard resigns as Director of Training, becomes Director of Service at League of Municipalities. Two decades later, is hired as Raleigh Fire Chief.	News & Observer, Dec 6, 1966
1966		At annual conference of NCSFA, committee studying the fire college gives a report. They were asked if Fire College should be jointly sponsored by NC community colleges, to reduce financial burden. They recommend (a) continue college with aid of NCDOT and extend offer to NC community colleges to participate, with NCSFA retaining full control, (b) offer “area type schools”, (c) have higher-level training program(s) such as Staff and Command School.	NCSFA proceedings, 1966.

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1967		General Assembly creates commission to study the needs to Department of Public Safety. Its report contains first mention of moving arson investigation from NCDOC to SBI.	
1967	1967, April 21	Legislation. HB348. REWRITE CHAPTER 9 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, PROVIDE FOR A JURY COMMISSION IN EACH COUNTY, CHANGE THE METHOD OF PREPARING JURY LISTS, ELIMINATE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR JURY SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  Rewrite of Chapter 9 of General Statues. Firemen no longer exempt from jury duty,	NCSL, ch.218.  Hose & Nozzle, May-June 1967, p.5.
1967	1967, June 21	Legislation. HB 1104. AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM STATE INCOME TAX BENEFITS FROM FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT AND PENSION FUNDS.  Firemen's retirements now exempt from state income tax.	NCSL, 1967, ch.871, p.1115.
1967	1967, May 31	Legislation. HB 920. AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 20 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO THE USE OF RED AND AMBER LIGHTS ON CERTAIN VEHICLES.  Mandates warning light colors of blue for law enforcement, red for emergency vehicles, and amber for all others entitled to use warning lights. Effective January 1, 1968.	NCSL, ch.651.
1968		NCAFC began action to have a person from the fire service serve on the North Carolina Building Code Council. Met with Governor to request this appointment. This was done and Chief Ty Bissett filled the position for a couple years, before the position was dropped.	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38
1969		General Assembly receives study on needs of Department of Public Safety.	

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1969	1969, Jun 17	Legislation. SB 611. Amends GS 69-1, and adds county fire marshals to those people authorized to investigate fire causes.	Hose & Nozzle, August 1969.
1969	1969, Jun 20	Legislation. SB526. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR MOBILE HOMES, TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE THEREWITH, TO PROVIDE FOR RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER STATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  Construction standards for mobile homes. Effective July 1970.	NCPL 1969, ch961.
1969		Snapshot. Fire and Rescue Training division consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H. Elwood Inscoe, Director</li> <li>• Earl Danny, Instructor</li> <li>• Tom Lander, Instructor</li> <li>• Dawson Nethercutt, Instructor</li> <li>• Graham Johnson, Instructor</li> <li>• Lynn Hawkins, Instructor</li> <li>• Laurie Williams, Secretary</li> </ul>	NCSFA proceedings, 1969, p.140.
1971		State government reorganization takes effect. Role of fire investigation is transferred from DOI to Department of Justice, and SBI.	
1973		John Ingram appointed Insurance Commissioner.	

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1973	1973, spring	<p>Fire and Rescue Squads Training division established as separate division in DOI. H. Elwood Inscoe, Director of Fire Rescue Training, named as new Deputy Commissioner of Insurance, and heads the division.</p> <p>The new division will administer the Firemen’s Relief Fund, the Firemen’s Death Benefit Program, fire and rescue training, and other related items.</p> <p>The division consists of Inscoe and instructors Earl Denny, Tom Lander, Dawson Nethercutt, Graham Johnson, Lynn Harkins, Phil Riley, and Mike Shelton.</p> <p>Division later renamed Fire and Rescue Services.</p>	Hose & Nozzle, July-August 1973
1973	1973, May 22	<p>Legislation. HB89. AN ACT TO PROVIDE A DEATH BENEFIT FOR DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREMEN AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS</p> <p>Increases death benefit program for fire and rescue personnel from \$5,000 to \$25,000.</p>	NCPL, 1973, ch.634.
1973	1973, Apr 17	<p>Legislation. SB592. PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA TO BE KNOWN AS THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT OF 1973.</p>	NCSL 1973, ch.208.
1973	1973, Apr 3	<p>Legislation. SB1240. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRAINING AND UTILIZATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.</p>	NCSL, 1973, ch.1121.
1973	1973, Aug	<p>H. Elwood Inscoe named NCSFA firefighter of year at the conference in Raleigh.</p>	

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1973		<p>Legislation. County Service District Act. Authorizes counties to define a part of the county as a service district, to levy a property tax additional to the countywide property tax in the designated area, and to use the tax proceeds to provide the desired .service including fire protection to the district. County service district taxes can be levied without a referendum, but the combined rate of this tax and other county taxes may not exceed \$1.50 per \$100 valuation. A service district is not a separate unit of government, but is simply a geographic designation.</p> <p>The Board of County Commissioners may decide to create a service district if it finds that (1) there is a "demonstrable need" for one or more of the services, (2) it is impossible or impractical to provide the needed services on a countywide basis, and (3) the taxes necessary to provide the service or services will not be unreasonable or burdensome.</p>	Rural Fire Protection in North Carolina report
1974		<p>NCDOT moves into Wake County Courthouse on Fayetteville street in mid-May, where state is renting 32,000 square-foot for department at \$5 per square-foot per year, on the ninth and tenth floors.</p> <p>Previously, four of NCDOT divisions and the commissioners office were housed in the Labor Building on Edenton Street, and the licensing and investigation divisions were housed in offices in the Heart of Raleigh Motel downtown.</p> <p>The quarters are temporary as the NCDOT is scheduled to be the first state agency to move into a planned high-rise office building on the north end of Halifax Street. It's the first time in ten years that all 180 employees of the NCDOT are under the same roof.</p>	News and Observer, June 5, 1974
1975		NCDOT enters into a program with FHA to provide loans to FDs.	
1975		NCAFC created a committee with worked with another committee to rewrite the high-rise section of the state building code. Took almost three years.	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38

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1975		State building code adopts provision that requires all new residential dwellings have smoke detectors.	FRJ, Summer 2007, p2.
1976?		First annual North Carolina Fire and Life Safety Conference.	
1976		NCAFC printed some 3,500 copies of the North Carolina Law Book, as prepared by Ben Loeb of the Institute of Government, and the printing was co-sponsored by the IOG.	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38
1976	1976, Sep 29	Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) Act (42 USC 3796, Public Law 94-430) becomes law.  It provides for a \$50,000 death benefit for firefighters and law officers that die in the line of duty from a traumatic injury. One of the first recipients is a widow of a Clinton firefighter, who died on duty on December 1, 1976.	Google.  Legeros NCSFA notes.
1978	1978, Jun 16	Legislation H1683. AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978-79 TO EMPLOY THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE AND RESCUE INSTRUCTORS.  Monies for three additional fire-rescue instructors. Effective July 1, 1978	NCSL, 1977-78, ch.1279.
1977		Legislation. HB1214. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.	NCSL, 1977-78, ch.773.
1977	1977, May 6	Legislation. HB278. AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 128-21 TO RENDER CERTAIN FULL-TIME PAID VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	NCSL, 1977-78, ch.316.

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1977	1977, Jul 1	<p>Legislation. HB 992. AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE FIRE COMMISSION.</p> <p>North Carolina State Fire Commission as a joint council of fire service organizations in the state. Composed of nine voting members consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Secretary, NCSFA</li> <li>• Legislative Chairman, NCSFA</li> <li>• Executive Secretary, NCAFC</li> <li>• Director of Fire and Rescue training, NCDOI</li> <li>• Director of Fire Services Training, NCDCC</li> <li>• Director of state fire college</li> <li>• One mayor or elected municipal official, after consultation with NC League of Municipalities</li> <li>• One county commissioner, after consulting with NC Association of County Commissioners</li> <li>• One member of public at large, not employed by government or involved in firefighting</li> </ul> <p>This concept followed the April 1976 publication of a USFA model concept of a state fire safety system and that endorsed establishing a state fire commission as the single state entity responsible for “coordination and balance within the overall state fire prevention and control program.”</p>	<p>NC Session Laws, Ch.1064, pg. 1366</p> <p>North Carolina Fire Service Reference Manual, March 2017</p> <p><a href="https://ncsfa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fire-Service-Reference-Manual-Update-2017.pdf">https://ncsfa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fire-Service-Reference-Manual-Update-2017.pdf</a></p>
1978		NCAFC co-sponsored and endorsed the North Carolina Staff and Command School.	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38
1978		Attorney General charges the Police Information Network (PIN) with the responsibility for collecting data on fires that occurred in North Carolina.	Fire in North Carolina, 1979
1978, circa		NCDOI moves into new Dobbs Building at 430 N. Salisbury Street.	
1979		NCAFC endorsed and supported the appointment of a Greensboro District Chief to full membership on the North Carolina Building Code Council	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38



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1979		NCAFC endorsed and helped sponsor the North Carolina Fire Education Seminar.	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38
1979	1979, May 17	Legislation. H963. AN ACT TO ALLOW CITIES AND COUNTIES TO CONVEY PROPERTY TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.  Adds section to laws about sale of land to volunteer FDs and rescue squads.	NCSL, 1979-80, ch.583.
1979		Fire in North Carolina report issued, presenting fire-related activity data collected from 715 fire departments around the state. The report is 29 pages long.	Fire in North Carolina, 1979
1979	1979, Aug 1	First rural FD in state and national receives municipal fire rating, Nanhunta, thanks to mutual aid tanker and water shuttle methods.	Legeros research, <a href="https://legeros.com/blog/first-rated-rural-water-supply/">https://legeros.com/blog/first-rated-rural-water-supply/</a>
1980		NCAFC endorses their support of NFPA 1001 as the [state?] Standard for Firefighter Certification.	NCSFA proc., 1982, p.36-38
1980	1980, Sep.	Fire Commission recommends consolidating all state fire services under the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, it says in a five-year plan of recommendations for improving state fire protection. It also recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State fire code under which fire prevention measures could be applied to any building.</li> <li>• Requiring all one- and two-family dwellings to have smoke detectors by 1980. They are currently required for new construction of such homes.</li> <li>• Four-year degree program in fire science and administration in the state college system by 1984. The state community college system offers a two-year program in fire protection science, but not administration.</li> <li>• SBI section with full-time arson investigators created by 1981.</li> <li>• NC Justice Academy should provide fire and arson investigation.</li> <li>• Voluntary state certification for firefighters should be established.</li> </ul>	News & Observer, Sep 21, 1980

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1981	1981, Feb 23	NC Jaycee Burn Center in Chapel Hill officially opens. Groundbreaking for the center was January 15, 1977.	<a href="https://www.med.unc.edu/surgery/burn/about/history/#:~:text=The%20groundbreaking%20for%20the%20Burn,of%20hope%20for%20burn%20survivors.">https://www.med.unc.edu/surgery/burn/about/history/#:~:text=The%20groundbreaking%20for%20the%20Burn,of%20hope%20for%20burn%20survivors.</a>
1981	1981, Jul 2	Legislation. HB1116. AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSION AND TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION.  Rewrites original laws about fire commission. Committee membership now twelve, among other changes.	NCSL, 1981-82, ch.791.
1981	1981, Oct 10	Legislation. SB225. AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREMEN'S AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND.  [ Re-purposing firemen's pension fund to include rescue workers? ]	NCSL, 1981-82, ch1029.
1981	1981, Apr 17	Legislation. HB352. AN ACT TO ALLOW RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.  Amends G.S. 69-25.4.	NCSL, 1981-82, ch.217.
1981	1981, Feb 24	Legislation. SB3. AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-7 TO ALLOW A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE A FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLE WITH A CLASS C LICENSE.  Amends G.S. 20-7(a)(3). Allows a volunteer member of a rural or municipal FD to operate a firefighting vehicle, regardless of gross vehicle weight.	NCSL, 1981-82, ch.42.
1981	1981, June 22	Legislation. S615. AN ACT TO ALLOW SANITARY DISTRICTS TO CONTRACT WITH INCORPORATED NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER OR COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION.  Amends G.S.130-128(13).	NCSL, 1981-82, ch.655.

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1981	1981, March	Snapshot. H. Elwood Inscoe is director of fire and rescue training.	News & Observer, March 4, 1981.
1981?		First NC Jaycee Burn Center Camp Celebrate conducted, the first camp for burned children in the United States.	
1982	1982, June 18	Legislation. HB113. AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND LAW.  Amends laws to allow the Executive Board of the NCSFA to grant educational scholarships to the children of members; and to subsidize premium payments of members over 65 years of age to the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the NCSFA.	NCSL, 1981-82, ch1215.
1983	1983, Jul 20.	Legislation. HB1196. AN ACT TO PLACE THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF FIRE INSTRUCTORS ON THE STATE FIRE COMMISSION.  Expands fire commission to thirteen voting members.	NCSL, 1983-84, ch.840.
1983	1983, Jun 29	Legislation. H1222. AN ACT TO ALLOW COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES TO ALSO FURNISH EMERGENCY MEDICAL, RESCUE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES.	NCSL, 1983-84, ch.642.
1983	1983 Apr 12	Legislation. H82. AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN VOLUNTEER AND MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA.  Exempted are volunteer FDs not part of a municipality. Also, municipalities with 10,000 people or less may exclude themselves. Also, fire commission shall recommend regulations and standards for FDs.	NCSL, 1983-84, ch.164

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1983	1984, Jun 29	<p>Legislation. HB 80. AN ACT TO MODIFY CURRENT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE 1984-85 FISCAL YEAR AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATION OF THE STATE.</p> <p>New Division of Emergency Services created within the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, comprised of North Carolina State Fire Commission, the Division of Emergency Management, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, and the Fire and Rescue Training Division.</p>	<p>NCSL, 1983-84, ch.1034, sec.98,  <a href="https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/HTML/1983-1984/SL1983-1034.html">https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/HTML/1983-1984/SL1983-1034.html</a></p>
1984	1984, February	Phillip C. Riley appointed Deputy Insurance Commissioner over the Fire and Rescue Services Division.	FRJ, Dec. 1985, pg.5.
1984	1984, Nov. 1	Effective date for change to rating method for rural fire protection. Now same guide used for rural and municipal. No more 9A and 9AA. Plus split ratings for municipal FDs who also cover rural districts.	
1985	1985, March	<p>North Carolina Fire Service Code Advisory Council established.</p> <p>Results from fire prevention and building inspections personnel realize that mutual problems in code enforcement should be jointly addressed.</p>	FRJ, Dec. 1985, pg.4.
1985	1985, July 10	<p>Legislation. SB 738. Chapter 666. AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE REGULATION OF INSURANCE BY MAKING TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER NEEDED CHANGES.</p> <p>The words "State Fire Marshal" means the Commission of Insurance of North Carolina. Part of technical improvements to laws governing the Department of Insurance.</p>	Session Laws 1985, Ch. 666, Sec. 66. Pg. 860
1985	1985, Dec	First issue of Fire & Rescue Journal, with a newsprint format.	
1985		Jim Long appointed Insurance Commissioner.	

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1985	1985, July 15	<p>Legislation. SB 182. AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS STATEWIDE PROJECTS, TO SPECIFY HOW CERTAIN APPROPRIATED FUNDS ARE TO BE USED, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE LAW.</p> <p>State Fire Commission transferred from Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to Department of Insurance. Laws applying to the commission are also re-codified [and updated?].</p> <p>By late 1984, the Commission’s “progress was at a standstill”, with only one person on staff and limited funds. This prompted the state’s fire leaders to request a transfer to DOI, and for Insurance Commissioner Jim Long to support the organization and “allow it to operate as the lead organization” for the state’s fire service.</p>	<p>NC Session Laws 1985, Ch.757, sec.167</p> <p>North Carolina Fire Service Reference Manual, March 2017</p> <p><a href="https://ncsfa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fire-Service-Reference-Manual-Update-2017.pdf">https://ncsfa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fire-Service-Reference-Manual-Update-2017.pdf</a></p>
1985	December 1985	After move of Fire Commission to NCDOI, Tim Bradley hired as Executive Director.	OH, Tim Bradley
1985/86		Administration of the Fireman’s Relief Fund undergoes a big change, through acquiring computer hardware, software, and administrative funds. Done via NCSFA grant. The office/process is now fully-automated.	
1986		Rural Fire Protection in North Carolina report published by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.	Rural Fire Protection in North Carolina report
1986		Fire and Rescue division moves to 111 Seaboard Avenue, and Engineering division moves (circa 1986) to 410 N. Boylan Avenue.	
1987		“Inspection program begins” as related to fire department inspections. [??]	FRJ, Winter 2001, pg 3.
1987	1987, May 7	<p>Legislation. SB 193. AN ACT TO EXPAND THE TRAFFIC CONTROL AUTHORITY OF FIREMEN AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.</p> <p>Firefighters and rescue squad personnel now legally allowed to direct traffic at emergency scenes.</p>	NC Session Laws, 1987. Ch.146.

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1987	1987, July 9	Legislation. HB 998. AN ACT TO CREATE A RELIEF FUND FOR RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS  North Carolina Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Fund created.	NC Session Laws, 1987. Ch.584.
1987		Fire Incident Reporting system known as NCFIRS adopted by The Fire and Rescue Commission.	
1987	1989, July	Fire Commission's Firefighter Certification standard starts.	
1987	1987, July	Fire Commission Fire/Arson Investigator Certification standard approved [starts?].	
1987 or 1988		Fire Commission Instructor Certification takes effect. [verify date] It moved the Community College certification to the Fire and Rescue Commission.	Oral History/BL.
1989	1989, Aug 9	Legislation. HB 1627. AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRESENT STATE FIRE COMMISSION AND TO EXPAND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO INCLUDE RESCUE SERVICES.  Composition of the Fire Commission is expanded from nine to eleven members, adding two submitted by NCAREMS, and it becomes Fire and Rescue Commission, with duplicate responsibilities in both areas. The law is effective July 1, 1989.	NC Session Laws, 1989. Ch.750.
1989	1989, Mar 6	Mar 6, 1989: Federal legislation enacted (CFR 1910.120 HAZWOPER) that requires emergency responders to be trained for responding to and remediating hazardous materials incidents. Before that time, there were no occupational safety regulations on training or operations. New NFPA standards for haz-mat incidents were also published at the same time.	Legeros NCSFA notes. OH/Rich.
1989	1989, Oct 1	Fire and Rescue Commission certification program for Driver/Operators of fire apparatus implemented. Approved Jan 1989.	

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1989		Certification program for Public Fire Educators is implemented.	
1990	1990, Apr	Fire and Rescue Commission Hazardous Materials Responder Certification program effective. Approved January 1990.	
1991	1991, Sep 3	Imperial Foods processing plant fire in Hamlet kills 25 workers and injures 55 workers. Deadliest fire in state history.	
1992	1992, Jan 1	Rescue Technician certification program implemented.  Work started on the program in 1989, with the state developing its own standard as there was no national program model to utilize.	OH via FRJ, Summer 2001, p4.
1993		Mandatory fire inspection schedule for commercial buildings becomes effective.	
1994		First year that state OSHA regulations apply to fire departments.  They had been exempt since [at least?] 1983. [By legislative act?]	NCSFA proceedings 1983, pg 135.
1994		Executive Director of the Fire Commission Tim Bradley appointed to lead the Fire and Rescue Division, and promoted to Deputy Commissioner of Insurance. He also keeps the Executive Director title as well.	OH, Tim Bradley
1994	1994, Jul 16	Legislation. AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1993, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 1994-95 FISCAL YEAR, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATION OF THE STATE.  Establishes a regional response teams for hazardous materials emergencies.	NC Session Laws 1994, Ch. 769, Sec. 22.4
1996		Fire and Rescue Commissions adopts OSHA Parallel Standards for fire and rescue agencies.	

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1996		Change in state process that separates municipal and rural FDs that utilize the same roster of people. This forces the creation of two separate FDs in such circumstances.	
1996?		First year for North Carolina Fire and Rescue Instructor's Conference.	
1998	1998, April 1	The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSM) is formally established to bring more focus and visibility to the programs related to fire prevention, fire safety, etc. Deputy Commissioner of Insurance Tim Bradley is appointed to lead and promoted to Senior Deputy Commissioner.	<a href="https://www.ncdoi.gov/about-doi/office-state-fire-marshal-osfm">https://www.ncdoi.gov/about-doi/office-state-fire-marshal-osfm</a> NCDOI
1999		Fire and Rescue Commission approves changing from NCFIRS to the USFA NFIRS 5.0	North Carolina Fire Service Reference Manual, March 2017  <a href="https://ncsfa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fire-Service-Reference-Manual-Update-2017.pdf">https://ncsfa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fire-Service-Reference-Manual-Update-2017.pdf</a>
2000	2000, Jul 1	North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS) starts, see above.	FRJ, Winter 2002/03, p3



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2000	2000, Aug 2	<p>Legislation. HB 1696. AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATIONS FOR INSURANCE RATING PURPOSES.</p> <p>Gives OSFM the responsibility for inspecting and rating all fire departments and fire districts serving a population of 100,000 or less. It's no longer conducted by ISO. The first pilot inspection was conducted the week of December 4-8, 2000, of the St. James FD in Brunswick County. The second pilot inspection was conducted the week of December 11-15, 2000, of the Columbia FD in Tyrell County.</p>	<p>NC Session Laws 2000, HB 1696.</p> <p>FRJ, Winter 2001, p1.</p>
2000	2000, Sep 20-22	<p>OSFM participates in first annual Gateway Conference in Greensboro. Organized by the NCSFA, it gathered the leaders of the state's fire service organizations, and to create a unified front for identifying, prioritizing, and addressing common goals.</p> <p>The event is held annually for several more years.</p>	FRJ, Winter 2001, p4.
2001	2001, Jan 1	Effective that date, the current five-mile boundary for fire insurance district boundaries is extended to six miles.	FRJ, Winter 2001, p3.
2001	2001, January	First North Carolina Child Passenger Safety Conference conducted in [where?]. The two-day event was sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety program.	FRJ, Summer 2001, p7.
2001	2001, April	For the first time in 20 years, the North Carolina Rescue College moves to a new location, and is held at Gaston Community College in Dallas over two weekends in April and May 2001. The college is co-sponsored by the NC Association of Rescue Squads and EMS, NCDOT OSFM, and Gaston Community College.	FRJ, Winter 2001, p2.
2001		OSFM releases first of several planned computer-based training programs, titled Fire Department Company Officer.	FRJ, Summer 2001, p8.

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2002	2002, May 3	Fire at Mitchell County in Bakersville kills eight inmates. State departments of labor and health and human services subsequently argue over blame for building safety violations, reports newspaper.	News and Observer, Dec. 17, 2002.
2002		Legislation. SB132. AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREMEN'S AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND WITH AT LEAST TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO CONTINUE AS MEMBERS AFTER THE TAKEOVER OF A VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT BY A CITY OR COUNTY; AND TO EXEMPT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS FROM OVERTIME AND MINIMUM WAGE LAWS	NCSL, 2001-02.
2002	2002, Nov 15	Legislation. HR 5334, Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefit Act passed in US House of Representatives. It extends federal line of duty death benefits to any public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke, while on duty or within 24-hours of participating in training or an emergency response. Prior to the act, it was difficult for surviving families to prove that a fatal heart attack or stroke directly resulted from line of duty actions, and were thus denied benefits.	Firehouse, Nov 15, 2002, <a href="https://www.firehouse.com/home/news/10579563/house-passes-hometown-heroes-legislation">https://www.firehouse.com/home/news/10579563/house-passes-hometown-heroes-legislation</a>
2003	2003, Jan 29	Explosion at pharmaceutical plant in Kinston kills six people and injures 38. Results in new state rules requiring building owners to get permits from local governments before constructing a new facility or changing use of existing building.	News and Observer, June 23, 2005.
2003	2003, May	New North Carolina Unified Command and Control School conducted in Charlotte. The five-day course was organized and sponsored by OSFM.	FRJ, Summer 2003, p1.
2003	2003, Aug 1	Legislation. HB543. AN ACT TO INCLUDE DEPUTY FIRE MARSHALS, ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHALS, AND COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS AS ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE FIREMEN'S AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND.	NCSL, 2003-04.

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2003	2003, October	<p>Last State Fire College held, with governance transferred from NCSFA to NC Society of Fire Rescue Instructors in 2002. For the 2003 college, a 75th anniversary celebration was advertised as part of the event, held at Gaston College Regional Emergency Services Training Center, October 21-24 and 25-26, 2003</p> <p>Still checking. May have been 2005 in Winston-Salem.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.gastonfire.com/2003%20fire%20college.htm">http://www.gastonfire.com/2003 fire college.htm</a></p>
2003		<p>OSFM relocates to 322 Chapanoke Road, which includes Prevention, Programs and Grants Division, the Fire and Rescue Commission, the Manufactured Building Division, the Risk Management Division, the Fire and Rescue Training and Inspections Division and the Engineering Division.</p>	<p>FRJ, Summer 2003, p12.</p>

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2005		Snapshot. Current certification levels from the Fire and Rescue Commission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Firefighter I, NFPA 1001, 2002</li> <li>2. Firefighter II, NFPA 1001, 2002</li> <li>3. Fire Service Instructor I, NFPA 1041, 2002</li> <li>4. Fire Service Instructor II, NFPA 1041, 2002</li> <li>5. Airport Firefighter, NFPA 1003, 2000</li> <li>6. Fire &amp; Life Safety Educator I, NFPA 1035, 2000</li> <li>7. Fire &amp; Life Safety Educator II, NFPA 1035, 2000</li> <li>8. Driver Operator Pumps, NFPA 1002, 1998</li> <li>9. Driver Operator Aerial, NFPA 1002, 1998</li> <li>10. Fire Officer I, NFPA 1021, 2003</li> <li>11. Fire Officer II, NFPA 1021, 2003</li> <li>12. Hazardous Materials Awareness, NFPA 472, 2002</li> <li>13. Hazardous Materials Operations, NFPA 472, 2002</li> <li>14. Rescue Technician: Surface Water, NFPA 1006, 2003</li> <li>15. Rescue Technician: Vehicle &amp; Machinery, NFPA 1006, 2003</li> <li>16. Hazardous Materials Technician, NFPA 472, 2002</li> <li>17. Fire Inspector I, NFPA 1031, 2003</li> <li>18. Fire Inspector II, NFPA 1031, 2003</li> <li>19. Fire Inspector III, NFPA 1031, 2003</li> <li>20. Rescue Technician: Rope, NFPA 1006, 2003</li> <li>21. Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse, NFPA 1006, 2003</li> </ol>	FRJ, Winter 2006, p1
2006	2006, January?	Web site redesigned.	NCDOI FRJ, Winter 2006
2006	2006, May 6	NC fallen firefighters memorial in Raleigh dedicated, after years of planning, fundraising, and construction.	
2007?		New requirement, any structural live fire training event held in the state must be reported to OSFM, and at least 15 days prior.	FRJ, Spring 2007, p11.

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2007	2007, Jan	State building code on sprinklers briefly strengthened after 2003 fire in Rhode Island Night Club. Effective January 1, 2007, venues accommodating at least 100 people were required to have sprinklers, lowered from previous rule of at least 300 people. In March 2007, the NC Building Code Council voted to relax the rule and raise the threshold for 300 people, except for nightclubs.	News and Observer, March 14, 2007
2007	2007, July 20	Legislation. HB833. AN ACT TO RENAME THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND THE FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND IN RECOGNITION OF THE NUMEROUS FEMALE FIREFIGHTERS WHO SERVE.  Firemen's Relief Fund renamed Firefighters' Relief Fund.	NCSL, 2007-08,.
2008	2008, Feb	Only hours before the filing deadline in February 2008, Insurance Commissioner Jim Long announces his retirement. He then escorted Asst. Commissioner Wayne Goodwin to the State Board of Election, where Goodwin put his name on the ballot.	February 3, 2009.
2009	2009, Jan	Wayne Goodwin appointed Commissioner of Insurance.	
2009	2009, Jan	Jim Long retired on January 1, 2009. [correct date?]  Eleven days later, he collapsing from a stroke at the legislative building. He entered a coma and died the following month. He was 68. At the time, only two people had served longer in state office: Thad Eure and Jim Graham.  During Long's tenure, the DOI grew to a \$34M and 400-person department.	February 3, 2009.
2009	2009, Apr 23	Legislation. HB 557. AN ACT TO ENACT THE FUTURE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA.  Junior members of department programs as young as 15 years of age are now allowed to participate in training programs, despite prior labor laws that prevented their participation.	NC Session Laws 2009, HB 557.  NCDOI FRJ, Spring 2009, page 8.

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2010	2010, Jan 1	Effective that date, single- and multi-family residential dwellings are required to have CO alarms, thanks to SB 1924.	FRJ, Fall 2008, p10.
2010	2010, Jun 25	<p>Legislation. SB992. AN ACT TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE PYROTECHNICS TRAINING AND PERMITTING ACT.</p> <p>Effective February 1, 2010. Requires fireworks operators required to have permit before setting off indoor or outdoor pyrotechnics. Created after four workers were killed in fireworks accident at the ferry dock on Ocracoke Island on July 4, 2019. They were inside a truck when it exploded. A fifth worker escaped, suffering burns. Two FFs suffered minor injuries.</p>	<p>Island Free Press, July 2, 2010</p> <p>NC Session Laws 2009, SB992</p>
2013		<p>Senior Deputy Commissioner Tim Bradley retires.</p> <p>Rick McIntyre appointed as Senior Deputy Commissioner, to replace Bradley.</p>	OH, Tim Bradley
2015	2015, Apr	Flooding from a leaking sprinkler system over a weekend causes major damage to the NCDOT main office in the Dobbs Building.	News and Observer, April 7, 2015
2016	2016, Jun 30	<p>Legislation. HB19. AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 84 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE DEFINITION OF FIREFIGHTER TO INCLUDE FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL OFFICES, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES TO PAY EXPENSES OF LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUNDS, TO UPDATE THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION, AND TO CLARIFY THAT FIRE ALARMS THAT ARE UNINTENTIONAL AND RESULT IN NO DAMAGE ARE NOT CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING MINIMUM RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL RATING OR CLASSIFICATION UNDER G.S. 58-36-10(3).</p>	NCSL, 2015, ch51

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2016	2016, Jul 22	Legislation. SB886. AN ACT TO HONOR CAPTAIN BRADLEY LONG AND ALL FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY AMENDING THE NC FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND TO PROVIDE A SURVIVORSHIP BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; TO CONSOLIDATE PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS RELATING TO RETIREMENT; AND TO MAKE OTHER RETIREMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.	NCSL, 2016-18
2017	2017, Jan 1	Mike Causey appointed Commissioner of Insurance	
2017	2017, April	NCDI and OSFM relocate to newly renovated Albemarle Building in downtown Raleigh.	
2017	2017, Feb	Brian Taylor appointed as Senior Deputy Commissioner of Insurance and Chief State Fire Marshal. He's the former longtime Fire Marshal and EM Coordinator for the City of Albemarle.  He replaced Rick McIntyre.	<a href="https://www.ncosfm.gov/about-osfm/leadership/brian-taylor">https://www.ncosfm.gov/about-osfm/leadership/brian-taylor</a> LinkedIn, Brian Causey OH, Tim Bradley

## Commissioners of Insurance

1899–1921	James R. Young
1921–1927	Stacey W. Wade
1927–1942	Daniel C. Boney
1942–1949	William P. Hodges
1949–1953	Waldo C. Cheek
1953–1962	Charles F. Gold
1962–1973	Edwin S. Lanier
1973–1985	John R. Ingram

1985–2009	James E. Long
2009–2017	Wayne Goodwin
2017–present	Mike Causey

## Office Locations

Start	Stop	Location	Notes	
1899	By 1909	1 E. Edenton Street	State Capitol in room subsequently used by Enrolling Clerk of General Assembly.	[Source: Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of North Carolina for the Year Ending 2013.]
By 1909	After 1909	102 Fayetteville Street	Grimes Building SW corner Morgan & Fayetteville three-and-a-half story office building.  Building was demolished by 1913 for new block-long state government building that was erected in 1913.	[Source: Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of North Carolina for the Year Ending 2013 plus city directories.]  [Source: Sanborn Maps 1914]
By 1913	By 1913/14	TBD	Small dwelling opposite the Capitol owned by the Woman’s Club.	[Source: Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of North Carolina for the Year Ending 1913.]
By 1913/14	By 1916	422 E. Jones Street	Supreme Court Building.	[RCD 1913-14]
By 1916	By 1942	630 N. Blount Street	State Departments Building.	[RCD 1916]
By 1942	1974	4 W. Edenton Street	State Labor Building third floor.	[RCD 1942]
By 1974	1974	309 Hillsborough Street	Heart of Raleigh Motel licensing and investigation divisions only.	[N&O]



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1974	Circa 1978	316 Fayetteville Street.	Wake County Courthouse leased space on ninth and tenth floors.	[N&O]
Circa 1978	2017	430 N. Salisbury Street	Dobbs Building.	
1986	2003	111 Seaboard Avenue	Fire and rescue division only.	[OH - Tim B]
Circa 1986	2003	410 N. Boylan Avenue	Engineering division only.	[OH - Tim B]
2003	2017	322 Chapanoke Road	OSFM only.	
2017		325 N. Salisbury Street	Albemarle Building.	

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