

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES, RELATIONSHIPS AND PERFORMANCE

Organizational Background

The Office of Lee County Fire Marshal is responsible for completing all statutory mandated inspections, fire prevention education, and liaison for the Fire Advisory Board and response with the Fire Departments and Emergency Management. The Fire Marshal (FM) Office also responds to calls to provide a higher level of expertise as well as assist with manpower shortages throughout the county. The FM Office has assumed the responsibility of origin and cause investigations throughout the county, working closely alongside the Lee County Sheriff's Department, NC State Bureau of Investigation, and the US Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

Mission Statement

It is our mission to preserve life and property from fire, explosion, electrical and related hazards through prevention, life safety education, investigation, and enforcement of fire codes. Our office will provide technical assistance to the fire departments, the public, industry and schools in obtaining these goals. We shall conduct fire investigations to determine cause and origin on suspicious fires in our county.

Objectives

Goal 1

To continue to provide county wide fire prevention and investigation services to all seven (7) fire departments, the Lee County Sheriff's Department, and all commercial occupancies and public schools within Lee County.

Goal 2

To provide project assistance and consultation to the Fire Advisory Board in order to help them maximize their performance in meeting their intended purpose and goals.

Goal 3

Respond to and assist the fire departments in Lee County when requested, and provide consultation on technical issues as it relates to emergencies and administration.

Goal 4

Mandate the adoption of fire safety regulations, inspection of public buildings, establishment and promotion of fire prevention programs, certification of local inspection programs, and the investigation of fires to determine cause and origin.