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Dear Fire Chief Buck,

The OFM has reached operational capacity; therefore, the OFM needs a minimum of 2 additional full-time, permanent staff members. These additional staff members will help to obtain a higher degree of compliance with the requirements of Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Community Risk Reduction efforts supported by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The quality of our service and safety of our citizens, visitors, and businesses of the Town of Wallingford is important to the OFM. Please see the OFM 2025 Annual Report for further information. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to discussing this request with you soon.

Respectfully,

*Brian Schock FM*

Brian Schock  
Fire Marshal



## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Wallingford Office of the Fire Marshal is dedicated to providing the citizens, visitors, and businesses of the Town of Wallingford with a professional service through effective and efficient life safety code enforcement, fire and explosion investigation, and public fire prevention and safety education.

The mission of the Office of the Fire Marshal is to reduce and prevent fires, explosions, hazardous material releases, and other preventable hazards through community risk reduction including Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Economic Incentives and Emergency Response.

The Office of the Fire Marshal has an open-door policy and encourages open communication and feedback from the members of our community.

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## Office of the Fire Marshal

The Office of the Fire Marshal, also known as the "OFM", is located at Central Fire Headquarters at 75 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, Connecticut. Currently, the OFM is staffed by Fire Marshal, Brian Schock, and two Deputy Fire Marshals, Shock Baitch and Brian Drena. In addition, Senior Clerk, Renee Byland, of the WFD is assigned to the OFM and provides clerical support to the members of the OFM. Since the 1980's, the Office of the Fire Marshal has had the same number of OFM members, 3 Total – Fire Marshal, and either of the following: Deputy Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector or two of each classification.

In similar comparison to the OFM, the Building Department and Health Department each has 4 total members. In addition, the Wallingford Police Department Investigative Services and Community Impact divisions each have approximately 7 total members.

The office hours of the OFM are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with inspection hours from 7 am - 4 pm. OFM members work either (5) 8 hr. days or (4) 10 hr. days in accordance with the IAFF Local 1326 CBA. With regard to (4) 10-hour work days, OFM members have a fluid but compressed schedules. These OFM work schedules improve work-life balance, morale, recruitment, and retention; however, reduced staffing occurs on the days each member is on their scheduled day off.

### Mission

The mission of the Office of the Fire Marshal is to reduce and prevent fires, explosions, hazardous material releases, and other preventable hazards through community risk reduction (CRR) including Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Economic Incentives, and Emergency Response.

In order to fulfill this mission, the Office of the Fire Marshal:

1. **Education** - Provides public fire and life safety education programs with the Town of Wallingford.
2. **Enforcement** - Investigates the origin and cause of fires and explosions, inspects buildings and hazardous materials, and enforces open burning as governed by the Connecticut General Statutes and Code of the Town of Wallingford.
3. **Engineering** - Conducts site, building, and fire protection systems plan reviews to determine compliance with the Connecticut General Statutes and Code of the Town of Wallingford.
4. **Economic Incentive** - Offers a Smoke Alarm Program through a cooperative partnership with the American Red Cross for Wallingford residents.
5. **Emergency Response** - Receives and reviews LEPC Tier II Reports and Hazardous Materials Surveys for emergency response preparedness.

- See the attached June 2017, Local Fire Marshal Duties notice from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.



## Training

The Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshals are required to be certified by the State Fire Marshal which includes attending continuing education programs to keep abreast of the changing codes and regulations; and advances in new technology in the fire protection field to maintain a minimum ninety (90) hours of continuing education credit over a determined three year period pursuant to CGS 29-298.

Currently, all OFM members are up to date with the minimum ninety (90) hours of continuing education. The OFM members attend online classes, seminars, and conferences sponsored by the CT Office of Education Data Management (OEDM), International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) CT Chapter, Connecticut Fire Marshals Association (CFMA), and CT Fire Academy (CFA).

## Support

The OFM is provided with the following vehicles that are equipped with PPE, Personal Protective Equipment, Fire/Explosion Investigation Equipment, and Basic Life Support, BLS, Gear Bags:

1. Fire Marshal – 2024 Chevy Equinox AWD
2. Deputy Fire Marshal – 2018 Ford Explorer AWD
3. Deputy Fire Marshal – 2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor AWD
4. OFM Spare – 2010 Ford Escape AWD

A Capital Budget Request will be submitted to replace the existing OFM spare and both DFM vehicles. The new OFM vehicles will provide proper emergency and scene lighting with reflective markings and a separate cargo compartment for PPE and equipment in order to reduce the potential contamination of carcinogens to OFM members. The existing Chevy Equinox may be used as the OFM Spare.

The OFM utilizes a 2009 Chevy Kodiak Life Line ambulance that was converted to a Fire Prevention Utility Vehicle for use at extended fire scene investigations, fire watch, and public fire education.

## Education

In accordance with the 2022 Connecticut Fire Prevention Code Chapter 1.7.18, the FM has the authority to develop and implement public fire safety education programs and messages to the general public.

The OFM provides the following programs:

### Community Outreach Program

- National Fire Safety Campaigns and Events

### Wallingford Youth Fire Prevention & Intervention Program

- The Start Safe Fire Safety Program by Safe Kids Worldwide for daycares and preschools.
- Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest - Wallingford Winners



**Wallingford Senior Fire Prevention & Intervention Program**

- NFPA Steps to Safety – CT DPH awarded a \$5,000 grant to support our program.

Per Economic Development, ages 65+ is the highest population while under the age of 10 has the second lowest population within the Town of Wallingford. The above programs were implemented due to the severe fire risk for those populations. During 2025, the OFM completed 24 community events including Community Classes, Door-to-Door Community Education, Public Relations, and School Visits for a total of 36.24 community event hours and 388 interactions. The top interactions included (235) under age 10, (27) ages 10-64, and (126) ages 60 and up. In addition to the OFM programs, many public education activities are conducted by the on-duty fire companies. Those numbers are not encumbered in this report.

Event Interactions by Age Group



**OFM Tasks**

	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Total:	2,557	2,962	2,600

**Inspections**

Per CGS Section 29-305, the State Fire Marshal provides a schedule for the frequency of inspections in the Connecticut Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Codes. This schedule permits the local Fire Marshal to inspect buildings and facilities of public service and those occupancies regulated by these codes on a frequency of less than annually, except for residential buildings occupied by three or more families which must be inspected annually pursuant to CGS 29-305. Any state buildings or occupancies located on private property are subject to inspection by both the local Fire Marshal and the Office of State Fire Marshal.

1. Annual inspections for the occupancy classifications all R Residential, A-1, A-2, E, H-1, I-1, M selling consumer fireworks (1.4G), H-3 containing consumer fireworks (1.4G).
2. Inspections every two years for the occupancy classifications A-3, H-2, I-2, I-3, I-4, B-Medical, B-College.
3. Inspections every three years for the occupancy classifications B, H-3, M, S-1, A-4, A5.
4. Inspections every four years for the occupancy classifications F-1, F-2, H-4, H-5, S-2, U.



During 2025, the OFM inspected 2,042 occupancies with the annual inspections listed below. Based on the type of occupancy and building being inspected, it is difficult to determine a quantifiable time frame for each inspection accomplished because the actual inspection time can vary from one half hour in duration up to and including an entire day.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Inspections	2,042	2,287	1,610
Assembly	Initial 142: Reinsp. 66	Initial 198: Reinsp. 103	Initial 138: Reinsp. 78
A1	8	5	13
A2	134	193	125
Education	Initial 54: Reinsp. 22	Initial 72: Reinsp. 46	Initial 81: Reinsp. 47
Institutional I1	Initial 1: Reinsp. 0	Initial 5: Reinsp. 2	Initial 2: Reinsp. 0
Residential	Initial 802: Reinsp. 345	Initial 906: Reinsp. 464	Initial 352: Reinsp. 187
R1	7	12	10
R2	713	807	321
R3 (Mixed)	72	76	6
R4	10	11	15

In July 2025, Laurie Volkert, State Fire Marshal, requested FD/FMO's to complete a survey for the current workload of conducting inspections, investigations, and other responsibilities of the local fire marshal to determine the need for staffing and resources throughout the State of Connecticut. See the attached report for the survey filed to Fire Chief James Buck. Fire Chief Buck and I reported our workload to the OSFM.

**Violations by Occupancy State Code**

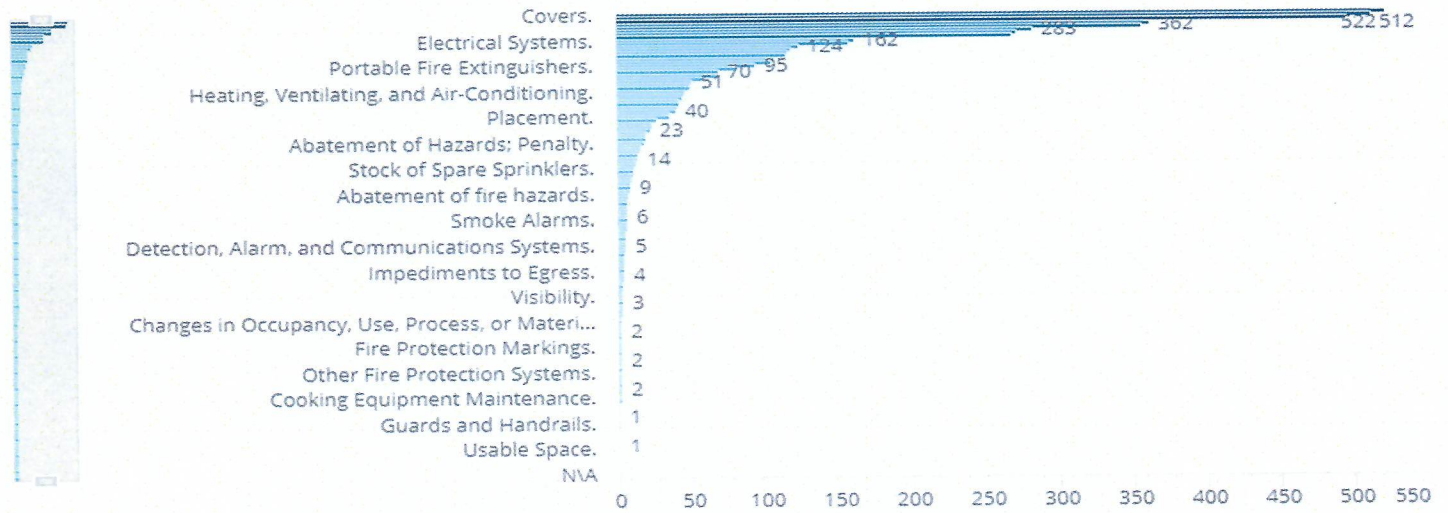
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total:	5,807	7,077	2,527

During 2025, the OFM cited the top (3) violations as listed as below:

- Covers:** CFPC 11.1.8 - All panelboard and switchboards, pull boxes, junction boxes, switches, receptacles, and conduit bodies shall be provided with covers compatible with the box or conduit body construction and suitable for the conditions of use.
- Smoke Alarms:** CFSC 31.3.4.5.1 - Approved single-station smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with Section 9.6.2.10 outside every sleeping area, in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, and on all levels of the dwelling unit, including basements. Additionally, in dormitory occupancies, single or multiple station smoke alarms shall be provided in every guest room and in the living area and sleeping room within a guest suite.
- Emergency Lights:** CFSC 7.9.2.1 Performance of System - Emergency illumination shall be provided for a minimum of 1 1/2 hours in the event of failure of normal lighting.



Count of Violations by Firecode



**Referral/Complaints**

	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Total:	32	51	83
Violations:	6	51	34

**Plan Reviews**

The Fire Marshal is authorized to receive applications, review construction documents and issue permits for operations regulated by this code, inspect premises for which such construction documents were prepared for, and enforce compliance with the provisions of the Connecticut Fire Safety and Prevention Codes.

The OFM works closely with our local Building Official during plans review and the construction of, addition to or renovation of buildings and facilities and the installation of life safety systems within our community to insure compliance with the provisions of Connecticut Fire Safety and Prevention Codes.

	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Plan Reviews	280	322	373

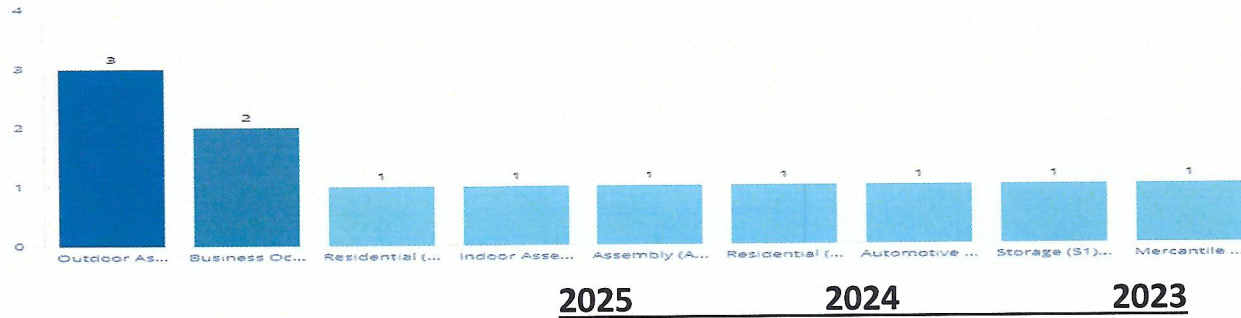
**Permits**

In accordance with the 2022 Connecticut Fire Safety and Prevention Codes, the Town of Wallingford, by ordinance Chapter 112, has established a fee schedule for permits and certificates pertaining to fire control and fire hazards. The fire code official is authorized to issue operational permits for the operations where specified by ordinance including to operate an occupancy for a use for a building.



During 2025, the OFM completed 13 operational permits with 12 issued which are included in the graph below with the top listed as Outdoor Assembly Events. Of note, the OFM has issued CT Inspection Certificates throughout 2025. However, occupancy operational permits began in November 2025 based on increased requests from business owners and are a work in progress that will continue throughout 2026.

Count of Issued Permits by Type



	2025	2024	2023
Open Burning Permits	12	19	15
Blasting Permits	0	2	0

**Operational Tasks**

	2025	2024	2023
AANF Reviews	7	3	1
AST/UST Inspections	8	7	1
Document/Record Reviews	13	2	0
Emergency Action/Fire Safety Plan Reviews	4	4	10
Environmental Review Requests	0	0	12
Fire Drills/Crisis Response Drills	13	18	16
Fire Watch	2	3	4
Knox Box	13	13	18
Legal	0	1	3
Other Tasks	35	38	73
Planning & Zoning Meetings	1	2	4
P&Z/ZBA Review	1	9	29
Safety/Security Meetings	3	3	7
Smoke Alarm Program Admin.	0	1	3
Smoke Alarm Requests	15	15	17

**Hydrant Inventory**

The OFM ensures property owners are inspecting, testing, and maintaining private yard fire hydrants for private assets to minimize fire risk and ensure effective response. The goal is to ensure private yard fire hydrants provide a reliable water supply for fire suppression operations while being maintained in accordance with NFPA 25. The OFM works in conjunction with the Wallingford Water Department regarding all fire hydrants within our community. This hydrant inventory is a work in progress and will continue to be entered, modified, and updated throughout 2026.



### Fire/Explosion Investigations

The OFM investigates the origin, cause, and circumstance of all fires and explosions resulting in property damage, personal damage, injuries, and fatalities and attempted fires and explosions within their jurisdiction including on State properties pursuant to CGS 29-302.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total Calls:	8,026	7,810	7,993
Fire Calls:	99	144	153
Fire Fatalities	1	1	0
Fire Injuries	1	2	1
False Alarms:	713	715	696
OFM Responses:	74	51	28
100 (Fires):	51	40	25
Building Fire:	28	21	19
Cooking Fire:	7	15	20
Mobile Property Fire:	16	7	1
Mobile Property Fire, other:	1	0	0
Passenger Vehicle:	14	7	0
Road Freight:	1	0	1

Based on the above chart, fire department responses have increased while fire calls have decreased from 2024 to 2025. Fire calls are approximately 1.2% of the total call volume. During 2025, the OFM responded to 74 incidents which have increased from 2024 to 2025. Both building and mobile property fires, vehicle fires, have increased from 2023 to 2025. Cooking fires have decreased from 2023 to 2025. False alarms remain consistent from 2023 to 2025 and are approximately 8.9% of the total call volume. Lastly, the false alarms are above the national average but below the state average.

The Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshals are “On-Call” on a rotating weekly schedule. Further, the OFM has had an increase in the number of fire investigations with each OFM member conducting approximately 10-20 investigations. Each call-back for an investigation is a minimum of 4 hours per the IAFF Local 1326 CBA. However, fire investigations may require greater than 4 hours due to the size and complexity of the fire scene along with the resources, equipment, and manpower necessary to complete the investigation. Fire investigations occur during different times of the day and week that may result in the decrease of inspections, plan reviews, permits, and operational tasks during that time.

While (1) OFM member is “On-Call” at a time and frequently investigates alone, the remaining OFM members are on voluntary call-back. If voluntary call-back is requested, the OFM member may be assigned to assist with the current fire investigation or respond to another fire scene for investigation.

When practical, a team approach to fire investigations is emphasized for safety, diversity of technical skills, and colleague interactions towards identifying all the available evidence, hypotheses that arise from that evidence, and the hypothesis testing required to reach a proper conclusion.



## Trends

Based on the Wallingford Affordable Housing Plan, approximately 68% of the town's housing are single-family dwellings with 8% two-family dwellings along with 23%, collectively, 3+ housing units and 1% mobile homes. Based on an address list provided by the Wallingford Assessor's Office, the following is a breakdown of housing:

10,547 single-family dwellings  
2,395 condos  
684 two-family dwellings  
285 three-family dwellings  
44 four-family dwellings  
23 5-9 apts. buildings  
63 9+ apts. buildings  
282 mobile homes  
2 motels & 3 hotels

Based on the Wallingford Affordable Housing Plan, the Town of Wallingford has reached almost one half of the 10% state affordable housing requirement. Over the next few years, housing increases are expected for residential buildings regulated by CGS 29-305 particularly for R6 and R11 residential zones due to the recommendation by the Wallingford POCD to allow new 2 and 3 unit residences by permit.

In accordance with the US Fire Administration, 175 home fire fatalities and 78 firefighter fatalities occurred in 2025. In 2023, the US Fire Administration reported that approximately 344,600 residential fires occurred with cooking being the leading cause of residential fires and fire injuries. During 2025, 1 residential fire fatality, 1 residential minor fire injury, 14 single and two-family dwelling fires, and 4 multi-family dwelling fires occurred within the Town of Wallingford. Lastly, residential fires remain the greatest fire risk for our community.

## Goals

1. Continue to conduct inspections in accordance with CGS 29-305.
2. Complete plan reviews in accordance with the Connecticut Fire Safety Code.
3. Investigate all attempted fires/explosions and the origin, cause, and circumstances of fires/explosions resulting in property and personal damage, and fatalities in accordance with CGS 29-302.
4. Reduce the number of false alarms by education, enforcement, and engineering.
5. Provide public fire safety education for our youths and seniors, who are at severe fire risk.
6. Advocate for smoke alarm installation throughout our community.

## Conclusion

Based on the amount and diversity of tasks accomplished, the Office of the Fire Marshal is at operational capacity. The Office of the Fire Marshal works each day to comply with the mandated requirements of Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes and CRR efforts of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Lastly, the Office of the Fire Marshal is proud of the quality of the service that our office is able to provide to the citizens, visitors, and businesses but a higher degree of compliance is required within the Town of Wallingford.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL



Date: June 9, 2017  
To: Local Fire Marshals  
From: William E. Abbott, State Fire Marshal  
Re: Local Fire Marshal Duties

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Below are areas of greater responsibility that are placed upon the local fire marshal. The fire marshal has the prime obligation of enforcing regulations affecting life, property and public protection from the hazards of unfriendly fire.

If I can be of any assistance or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with my office.

The local fire marshal is required to perform a variety of important duties. The following information is provided to help you better understand the widespread responsibilities fulfilled by the local fire marshal's office. To this end, I ask that you share this with your community leaders.

According to the US Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Analysis and Research Division, in 2014 US fire departments responded to an estimated 1,165,780 fires. With regard to fire deaths, for the year 2014 there were 3,428 civilian fire deaths and 15,775 civilian fire injuries in the United States. Nationally, the death rate was 10.7 deaths per million population. For the year 2014, Connecticut's fire death rate was 8.1 deaths per million population, up from 2010 where the fire death rate was 7.0 deaths per million population. The major strategies for reducing these risks are implemented through the duties of the local fire marshal.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the local fire marshal's role in protecting the community from the devastation of unfriendly fires. Each community must recognize their local responsibilities and afford the fire marshal the

necessary resources to fulfill the statutory mandates.

Fire Marshals are responsible for the enforcement of many of the sections found in Part II of Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) as well as the numerous codes that are promulgated under the provisions of these statutes.

CGS Section 29-305 allows the State Fire Marshal to provide a schedule for the frequency inspections in the State Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Codes. This schedule permits the fire marshal to inspect buildings and facilities of public service and those occupancies regulated by these codes on a frequency of less than annually, except for residential buildings occupied by three or more families which must be inspected annually pursuant to CGS 29-305. Any buildings or occupancies located on state property are subject to inspection by the Office of State Fire Marshal.

The State Fire Safety Code covers all occupancies except one and two family dwellings. The definitions for these occupancies are found in the State Fire Safety Code.

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Examples of the occupancies covered by the State Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Codes are listed below:

ACADEMIES	DRY CLEANING PLANTS	TERMINALS OF AIR,
APARTMENTS	EXHIBITION HALLS	SURFACE, UNDERGROUND
BUILDINGS	FREIGHT TERMINALS	AND MARINE PUBLIC
ARMORIES	GAS PLANTS	TRANSPORTATION
ASSEMBLY HALLS	GENERAL OFFICES	PENAL INSTITUTIONS – JAILS,
AUCTION ROOMS	GRAIN ELEVATORS	REFORMATORIES
AUDITORIUMS	GYMNASIUMS	POOL ROOMS
BARNS – COMMERCIAL	HANGARS (STORAGE ONLY)	POWER PLANTS
BED & BREAKFASTS	HOMES FOR THE AGED	PUMPING STATIONS
BOARD-CARE FACILITIES	HOSPITALS	RECREATIONAL PIERS
BOWLING LANES	HOTELS	REFINERIES
PLACES OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP	INDUSTRIAL OCCUPANCIES	RESIDENTIAL-CUSTODIAL CARE
CITY HALLS	KINDERGARTENS	NURSERIES
CLUB ROOMS	LABORATORIES	RESIDENTIAL-RESTRAINED
COLD STORAGE	LAUNDRIES	CARE
COLLEGES	LIBRARIES	RESTAURANTS
CONFERENCE ROOMS	LODGING OR ROOMING HOUSES	SAWMILLS
CORRECTIONAL CENTERS	MANUFACTURING	SCHOOLS (PUBLIC & PRIVATE)
COURTHOUSES	MENTAL DISABILITY CARE	SHOPPING CENTERS
COURTROOMS	MORTUARY CHAPELS	SKATING RINKS
DANCE HALLS	MOTION PICTURE THEATERS	SPECIAL AMUSEMENT
DAY CARE CENTERS (CHILDREN AND ADULT)	MUSEUMS	BUILDINGS
DENTISTS' OFFICES	NIGHT CLUBS	STABLES
DEPARTMENT STORES	NURSERY SCHOOLS	SUPERMARKETS
DOCTORS' OFFICES	NURSING HOMES	THEATERS
DORMITORIES	OUTPATIENT CLINICS	TRUCK & MARINE TERMINALS
DRUG STORES	PARKING GARAGES	UNIVERSITIES
	PASSENGER STATIONS &	WAREHOUSES

Additional duties imposed by the Connecticut General Statutes on local fire marshals are as follows.

- Work closely with your local building official during plans review and the construction of, addition to or renovation of buildings and facilities and the installation of life safety systems within your community to insure compliance with the provisions of Connecticut's fire safety regulations and codes.
- Investigate the origin, cause, and circumstance of all fires and explosions within their jurisdiction, and shall report the same to the State Fire Marshal in the designated format pursuant to CGS 29-302 and 29-303.
- Required to be certified by the State Fire Marshal which includes attend continuing education programs to keep abreast of the changing codes and regulations; and advances in new technology in the fire protection field to maintain a minimum ninety (90) hours of continuing education credit over a determined three year period pursuant to CGS 29-298.

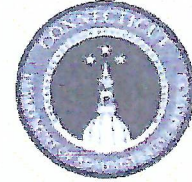
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- Provide safety tips, public education and give advice to the general public.
- Inspect all flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations, such as fuel dispensing stations, for compliance with the State Fire Safety Code & State Fire Prevention Code.
- Inspect and enforce the Connecticut Regulations concerning storage, and use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas pursuant to the State Fire Safety Code & State Fire Prevention Code.
- Assist in the administration of the manufacturing employer hazardous materials notification law pursuant to 29-307a.
- Annually inspect all storage plants and equipment at bulk storage plants for the storage of hazardous chemicals in accordance with the State Fire Safety Code & State Fire Prevention Code.
- Conduct site inspection of all fireworks and special effects displays for compliance with the Connecticut Fireworks and Special Effects Code and applicable State legislation. Also make the determination of the amount of fire protection and extinguishing equipment to be on site pursuant to CGS 29-357.
- Inspect and enforce the Connecticut requirements regarding the sale and use of sparklers and fountains pursuant to CGS 29-357.
- Provide an annual report to the local or regional school board of all inspections of school buildings pursuant to CGS 29-305(b).
- Issue permits for the use, transportation and storage of explosives in compliance with State Explosives Regulations pursuant to CGS 29-349.
  - *Investigate complaints concerning explosives.*
  - *Inspect explosive storage magazines.*
  - *Spot-check all job sites where explosives are being used.*
- Inspect regulated tents and portable structures for compliance with the State Fire Safety Code & State Fire Prevention Code.
- Upon receiving a complaint from the owner or occupant, inspect one and two family dwellings to assure the statutory requirements regarding smoke detection and warning equipment and carbon monoxide detection are satisfied based upon occupancy date pursuant to CGS 29-305(b).
- For new residential buildings other than private dwellings occupied by one or two families, *either* the Building Official or the Fire Marshal must certify that carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment was installed pursuant to CGS 29-292.
- Assist applicants, who wish to do so, with the filing of requests for variations or exemptions from a requirement of a code or regulation promulgated pursuant to CGS Chapter 541.

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From: "OEDM" <oedm@CT.GOV>

To: "DAS\_Fire@LIST.CT.GOV" <DAS\_Fire@LIST.CT.GOV>

**Sent:** Tue, Jul 1, 2025 at 10:38 AM

**Subject:** Fire Marshals/Fire Prevention Office Needs Assessment

Dear Fire Safety Professional,

I have had the privilege of speaking with many stakeholders and organizations in the fire service community since starting in my position last December. One of the common threads of concern has been the need to better align the staffing and resources of fire marshals' offices with the current workload of conducting inspections, investigations, and other responsibilities. To provide a factual basis and context for this discussion, we need data!

Below is a link to a survey that is intended to capture data on the current staffing levels, workload, and funding sources of fire marshals/prevention offices. It is particularly important that we hear from communities of all sizes in this survey. The data collected by this survey is intended for benchmarking purposes only, not for enforcement or accountability, so approximations on the numbers of inspectable properties and the percentage of inspections completed as valid.

If you would like a copy of the summary report once the survey closes, please indicate so at the end of the survey.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As always, thank you so much for the work you do to keep Connecticut residents, businesses, and visitors safe!

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/gSQNJJu3Ma>

Thank you,

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Good morning Chief,

Please see the approximate answers below.

How many total inspectable properties are in the jurisdiction? **1,622**

Per CGS 29-305 [https://www.cga.ct.gov/2023/pub/chap\\_541.htm#sec\\_29-305](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2023/pub/chap_541.htm#sec_29-305)

How many multifamily properties are there in the jurisdiction? **366**

Properties with 3 or more residential units

What percentage of your total inspectable properties are inspected in alignment with the schedule set forth in CT regulation 29-291a-7a? **84% Annuals**

**20% Every 2 Years**

**73% Every 3 Years**

**33% Every 4 Years**

**Total: 53%**

What percentage of your multifamily properties are inspected in alignment with the schedule set forth in CT regulation 29-291a-7a? **261 -- Last 365 Days -- 70%**

Not necessarily code-compliant, but inspected and in the abatement process if not compliant.

If you should have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Brian Schock  
Fire Marshal

