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All State Agencies

Over the past several weeks, the Idaho State Fire Marshal's Office has received information concerning fires and other fire related incidents involving state owned buildings or property. This information has been received well after the incident and in some cases, state employees were injured as a result of these events. This delay adversely effects the investigative process.

Pursuant to Idaho Code 41-253, 41-254, 41-255, and 41-257, the State Fire Marshal has the statutory authority to adopt, apply and enforce the provisions of the adopted fire code as the authority having jurisdiction on state owned property and serve as the chief arson investigator for the entire state of Idaho. Although these fire incidents may not involve a crime, they must be reported and investigated by this office.

Therefore, all fires occurring on state property or involving state owned equipment, including vehicles or other equipment, shall be reported to the Idaho State Fire Marshal's Office immediately. Regardless of local fire service response and investigation, this office shall be notified.

The Idaho State Fire Marshal's Office has highly trained, certified, and experienced investigators stationed in Idaho Falls, Coeur d'Alene, and Boise. To report an incident, contact your local Idaho State Police Dispatch and request a state fire marshal or call (208) 921-7838, 24/7. Be sure to leave your contact number so that our investigator can call you back for additional details.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office anytime at (208) 334-4370.

Sincerely,



Knute C. Sandahl, State Fire Marshal