

State Fire Marshal Division



Staffing	2012	2013
Sworn staff	28	28
Building inspectors	3	3
Plan review staff	8	8
Electrical inspectors	20	20
Civilian support	17	17

Fire Investigation Case Load	2012	2013
Total cases opened	346	425
Undetermined	80	81
Accidental	48	46
Arson	49	65
Explosives Disposal	71	67
Others	98	166

Training Iowa's Firefighters	2012	2013
Total programs offered	1,391	1,537
Total participants	24,309	23,706
Certifications issued	3,023	3,663

Securing Building Safety	2012	2013
Total fire inspections	2,602	3,749
Schools	809	715
Healthcare facilities	912	1,260
Others	881	1,774
Building plans reviewed	566	629
Value of plans reviewed	\$801,526,468	\$977,900,000
Electrical permits issued	13,567	14,613
Electrical inspections	21,128	23,146

Iowa's Fire Picture:

Fire deaths		
2012		42
2013 ytd		25

2013 structure fires by cause:

Cooking fires	408	31.9%
Incendiary/suspicious	161	12.6%
Open flame	128	10%
Heating	113	8.8%
Electrical	126	9.9%

The State Fire Marshal Division continues to work with the Iowa Firefighters Association and various corporate sponsors on the statewide Smoke Detector Project. Launched in the 100th Anniversary Year of the Division, so far approximately 20,000 smoke detectors have been placed in the homes of Iowa's school children.

Lives saved by smoke detectors during the calendar year:

2012	218
2013 ytd	84



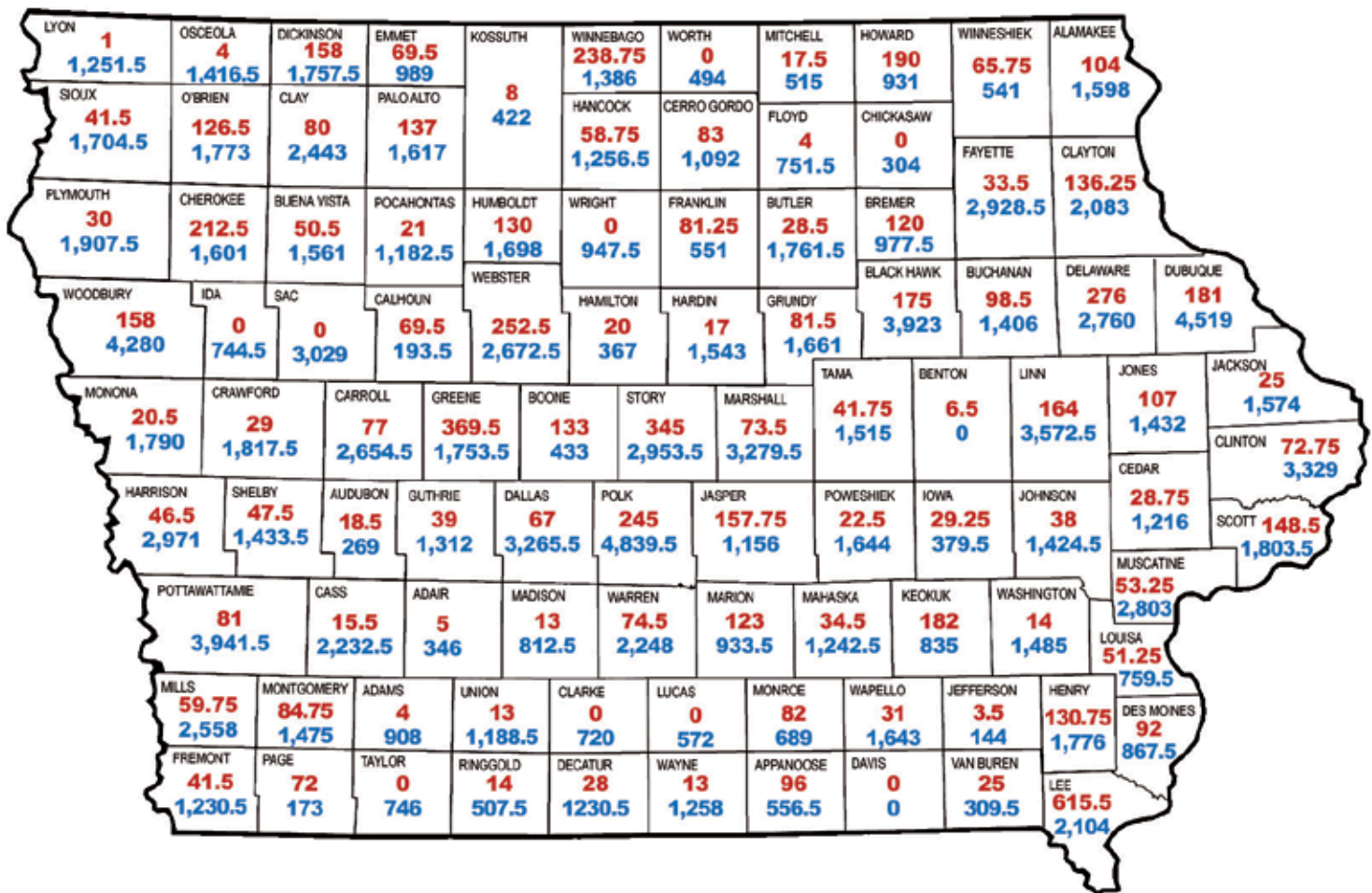
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Supporting Local Fire Departments and Law Enforcement Agencies

State Fire Marshal special agents supported local agencies with 470 local cases totaling 15,959.50 staff hours in 2012. There are 10 special agents working on average 47-60 cases per year with 89 counties requesting investigation support during 2012. Our office saw a record number of serial arson cases and arrests during the year with many resources being directed at these high level cases. We have deployed new tools to fight against arson in order to combat the #2 cause of fires in our state. Highly trained agents and accelerant K-9's will be in our routine response to local requests for fire investigation support. Fire data shows every county in Iowa has experienced arson fires within the last three years. Arson is a violent crime.

Hours of Assistance Provided in FY 2013



■ Fire & Explosives Investigative Hours

■ Firefighter Training Hours

