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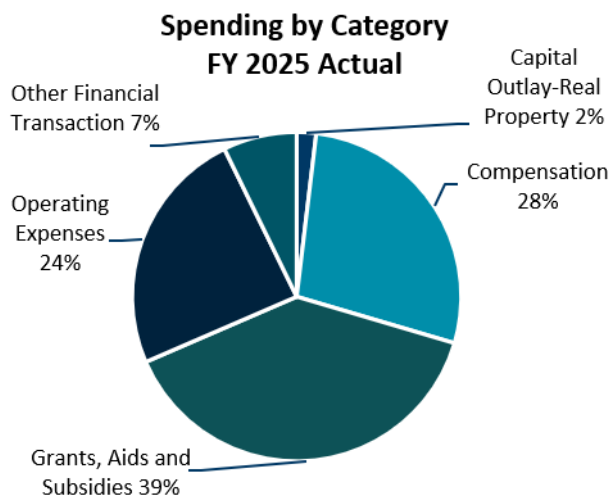
AT A GLANCE

- Workforce: Department of Public Safety (DPS) has approximately 2,400 employees
- DPS operational divisions include:
 - Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division (AGED)
 - Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)
 - Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS)
 - Emergency Communication Networks (ECN)
 - Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)
 - Minnesota State Patrol (MSP)
 - Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
 - Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS)
 - Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
 - State Fire Marshal Division (SFM)
- DPS serves every resident of the state and partners with numerous public safety, governmental, and non-profit organizations

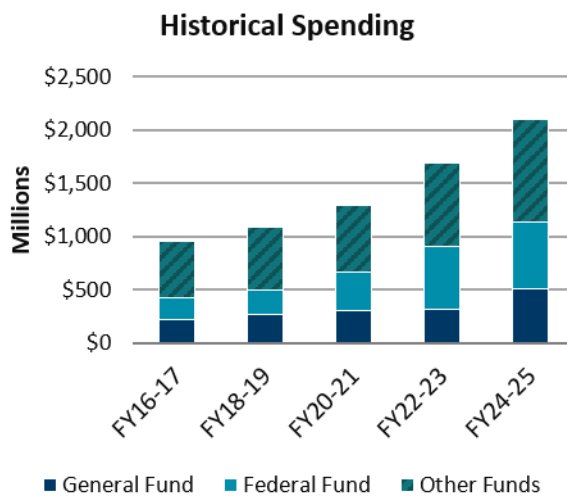
PURPOSE

The Department of Public Safety's (DPS) mission is serving all communities to build a safer Minnesota. DPS works to protect residents through activities that promote and support prevention, intervention, preparedness, response, recovery, education, and enforcement. This is accomplished with a focus on saving lives, providing efficient and effective services, maintaining public trust, and developing strong partnerships.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

DPS is financed through a variety of funds, including the general fund (\$509 million in fiscal year FY 2024-25), federal funds (\$623 million in FY 2024-25), and other funds (\$968 million in FY 2024-25). The other funds include the Trunk Highway Fund, Highway User Tax Distribution Fund, 911 Emergency Communications Fund, Driver and Vehicle Services Operating Account, Fire Safety Account, and other special revenue funds collected through user

fees. Funding reflected on the charts above is for both the “Department of Public Safety - Public Safety” and “Department of Public Safety - Transportation” budget entities. Funding reflected on the fiscal pages of this budget book is specific to the budget entity.

STRATEGIES

DPS fulfills its mission of serving all communities to build a safer Minnesota through the following strategies:

Children and Families

- Enhances safety for children and families through programs that focus on school and fire safety, teen driving, and domestic violence prevention.
- Supports the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) as it provides support and resources for impacted families and communities, conducts case reviews, and delivers training and education in collaboration with 11 Tribal Nations and numerous community organizations, local and state agencies, and federal government offices.
- Supports the Office of Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls (MMBWG) as it develops and implements targeted strategies and interventions to assist survivors and families impacted by violence against Black women and girls.
- Works to increase awareness of the needs of homeless children and families due to domestic violence.
- Works with community-based organizations on drivers’ education to increase equitable access to DVS resources.
- Assists administrators, faculty, and staff to help keep children safe at school through efforts by the Minnesota School Safety Center and the State Fire Marshal.

Safe and Thriving Communities

- Chairs the Governor’s Statewide Safety Council which coordinates leaders from public safety, health, education, the justice system, and community organizations to help prevent mass violence, targeted attacks, and domestic terrorism.
- Strengthens community partnerships through outreach and engagement to ensure Minnesotans have access to public safety information, resources, and services. This includes supporting violence and firearm injury prevention; providing free firearm safe-storage resources; partnering with communities to increase access to driver and vehicle services and emergency preparedness resources; and working alongside local, Tribal, and community partners to increase traffic and roadside safety across Minnesota.
- Offers traffic safety programs, such as the Towards Zero Deaths initiative and car seat safety education and continuously improves efficiencies within DVS to provide a streamlined identification card (ID) and driver’s license (DL) application process, DL exams, and customer services.
- Provides access to crime victim services and violence prevention and intervention programs.
- Helps communities prepare for, respond to, and recover after disasters through HSEM.

Equity and Inclusion

- Prioritizes public engagement to inform service delivery and promote equity and inclusion.
- Establishes partnerships with statewide community-based education network reaching individuals from birth to 99 years old including: Society for Women Educational Leaders, school districts, education leaders, intracultural specialists, and community education such as Adult Basic Education and Early Childhood Education.
- Prioritizes language accessibility and is developing public safety campaigns and communications that are visually and contextually inclusive and representative of Minnesota’s diverse communities, including through an updated website for better readability, organization, accessibility, and plain language.

- Provides customer-focused DVS services through in person, mail, phone, online, and kiosk services; delivers communication in plain language and allows translation in multiple languages; offers a multilingual virtual assistant on its website to improve interactions for English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish speaking customers allowing users to ask questions, gather information, and research DVS topics in multiple languages.
- Utilizes diversity and inclusion staff to provide intercultural support and education internally to strengthen cultural awareness to align with the department's increased public engagement efforts.

Fiscal Accountability, Customer Experience, and Measurable Results

- Conducts an annual risk assessment to ensure fiscal accountability and measurable results for the department.
- Provides financial management training to grantees to hold them to high standards to ensure proper use of state and federal dollars.
- Establishes measurable milestones and detailed budgets for all agency projects.
- Launched a redesigned website that includes a modern, mobile-friendly design, clearer navigation, and improved search capabilities.

Minnesota's Environment

- Participates in statewide sustainability workgroups to protect Minnesota's environment.
- Reduced paper use and added electric and fuel-efficient vehicles to the department's fleet while retaining performance needs for law enforcement.
- Supports climate resiliency efforts by providing federal funds for projects to protect communities and the environment from the effects of a changing climate.

By leveraging the expertise of the department's diverse workforce, the Department of Public Safety improves the lives of Minnesotans by engaging with community, tribal, and government partners to promote safety, service, and justice.

The Department of Public Safety's legal authority comes from Minnesota Statutes Chapter [299A](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A>)

Program: Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Workforce: 82 employees
- Oversees the statutory requirement that every county and cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants have an emergency management program
- During the last ten years:
 - Coordinated 11 federally declared disasters
 - Coordinated 88 state declared disasters
 - Distributed more than \$490 million of state and federal disaster aid
- Supports security operations for major public events - such as the annual Minnesota State Fair, 2026 PGA Championships, 2026 USA Special Olympics- as well as other high profile special events, election safety and cyber security, and power grid contingency planning

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) division of the Department of Public Safety helps Minnesota communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and human-caused disasters. HSEM assists in building communities that can effectively respond to emergencies and can recover quickly from the effects of a disaster. These services strengthen emergency readiness and homeland security across the state, including school safety and all-hazards disaster response. HSEM also strengthens homeland security by sharing information, providing resources, and planning to deal with the after-effects of a terrorist attack. HSEM's primary partners are local, county, and tribal emergency management directors. The division also works closely with local emergency managers, first responder organizations (law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, etc.), professional associations, voluntary service organizations, functional needs specialists, private industry, community groups, state agencies, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, tribal governments, elected officials and other agencies to ensure there is a whole community approach to all coordination.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The services HSEM provides center around five primary activities:

- All-Hazards Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation activities
- Administering Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grant funds
- Minnesota School Safety Center (MnSSC)
- Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) program
- The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)

All-Hazards Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation

The primary mission of the HSEM division is to help Minnesota prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. This is the core focus of HSEM, which provides services including:

- Activates and staffs the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for immediate use
- Coordinates state agencies to provide emergency support to local governments before, during, and after disasters

- Supports local emergency management programs, including county, cities, Tribal, and other organizations' programs
- Implements the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP)
- Implements the Governor's Executive Order 23-13 (streamlining emergency responsibilities for state agencies)
- Provides in-person and remote training and exercises to emergency management professionals
- Provides planning and preparedness response plans to address threats to the state; educates individuals and families on how to be ready for an emergency by helping them plan, and assists in recovery
- Works with FEMA to bring federal disaster assistance to the state and utilize the state's Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for recovery
- Supports non-profit applicants in Minnesota with federal and state funds, including houses of worship, educational, and medical facilities, to make structural and physical security enhancements to their facilities, as well as to fund security personnel on days of increased threat and vulnerability

FEMA Grant Administration

HSEM administers FEMA-related grant programs, such as, the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG), Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), and the Non-profit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The EMPG program ensures that states and counties have active and effective emergency management programs. Funds help communities prepare for all types of emergencies, such as flooding, train derailments, and winter storms, as well as helping them recover from disasters. The federal government provides 50 percent of the funding and requires a 50 percent nonfederal match.

Minnesota School Safety Center

The MnSSC is a non-regulatory program within the HSEM division. Established and funded by the Minnesota Legislature, the MnSSC serves as a free resource for K-12 public, private, public charter, and tribal schools across the state. The MnSSC's mission is to assist schools to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all-hazard emergencies by providing information, guidance, training, and technical assistance for best practices in all-hazard safety planning for schools. It coordinates these activities with federal, tribal, state, and local partners.

The MnSSC offers a variety of training programs, including multi-hazard emergency operations planning, behavior threat assessment, violent intruder response, school resource officer training, crisis communications, and de-escalation strategies. The MnSSC also provides safe school facility assessments and tabletop exercise strategies to help schools prepare for emergencies.

Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program

The REP program assures that the state can protect Minnesotans in the event of an incident or accident at Minnesota's two nuclear power plants. This program includes annual training of state agencies, emergency managers, emergency workers, hospital and ambulance personnel, and schools.

Full-scale exercises conducted every other year for each nuclear-generating plant demonstrate reasonable assurance that plans and procedures are in place to ensure the health and safety of the public is protected in the event of a nuclear power plant incident. Assessments from the utility company cover the costs of this work.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

The EPCRA regulates facilities the use, store, or release hazardous materials. It informs communities of the hazardous materials in their jurisdiction so they can develop effective emergency response plans. The EPCRA is

funded with a combination of general fund and environmental fund appropriations, and it generates revenue from fees assessed on regulated facilities.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Percentage of counties with approved and adopted hazard mitigation plans	Results	HSEM report to FEMA on county hazard mitigation plans	85 percent average each year	FY 2026 - 84 percent 73 approved plans
Certification and professional development training hours provided to federal, state, Tribal, and local partners	Quantity	Internal training records	Increase from FY 24 – 1,651	FY 2026 - 15 Basic academy courses/~1,800 hours
Emergency preparedness exercises conducted	Results	Internal training records	Inconsistent yearly averages	FY 2026 - 304 local training and exercises
Percentage of federally evaluated REP exercise objectives met	Quality	HSEM report to FEMA	100 percent each year	FY 2026 - 100 percent
Facilities filing hazardous chemical inventories	Quantity	EPCRA Report	Increase since FY 2022 – 7,004; FY 2024 – 7,113	FY 2026 - 7,329 active facilities
School safety center training hours provided	Quantity	Internal training records	Increase in engagement hours	FY 2026 - 181 engagements/18,416 hours

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

No evidence-based practices identified.

[M.S. Chapter 12](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/12) (<http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/12>) creates the division and establishes its duties, including nuclear emergency response, disaster assistance, mutual aid agreements, and specialized response teams.

[M.S. Chapter 299K](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299K) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299K>) regulates planning for and responding to hazardous chemical emergencies and authorizes enforcement of the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 11001 to 11046.

Program: Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Workforce: Approximately 750 employees
- Approximately 1,700 criminal justice agency partners
- More than 150 crime scenes processed annually
- More than 20,000 cases where evidence examined annually
- More than 8,500 Minnesota Duty Officer calls resulting in more than 33,500 notifications to state agencies to respond annually

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) protects Minnesotans and all who visit the state by preventing, investigating, and solving crimes in collaboration with criminal justice partners. The BCA contributes to the Department of Public Safety's mission by providing specialized services and expertise to assist Minnesota criminal justice agencies in finding, identifying, and arresting criminals. The BCA provides this support through statewide deployment of special agents, three crime laboratories, more than 30 criminal justice information systems, and law enforcement training courses. The BCA has provided many of these services for more than 90 years.

The BCA works closely with law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, probation agencies, corrections, and professional associations to provide exceptional leadership while building and implementing cutting-edge programs and services for the protection and safety of all in Minnesota. In the summer of 2026, BCA achieved national law enforcement accreditation through the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for greater consistency, transparency, and accountability, and is currently the only accredited law enforcement agency in Minnesota.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The BCA has four main divisions that work with criminal justice agencies to make Minnesota safe: Investigations, Forensic Science Services, Minnesota Justice Information Services, and Professional Services.

Investigations

Special agents provide specialized skills to assist local law enforcement agencies with death investigations, fraud and financial crimes, cyber-crimes, state program and insurance fraud, sexual exploitation of children online, human trafficking, narcotics violent crime, police use of force, missing persons, abductions, school threats, threats to public officials, and other serious crimes. These agents help with cases across city, county, Tribal, and state boundaries during long-term criminal investigations. These specialized services are essential for public safety in Minnesota, as many agencies do not have the resources, capability, or expertise locally. The BCA Investigations division provides these services to more than 400 local, county, Tribal and state law enforcement agencies throughout all 87 counties in Minnesota. The BCA provides timely service, with agents positioned in three regional offices (Saint Paul, Bemidji, and Mankato – opening in March 2027) and 13 field offices strategically located throughout the state.

In addition, the BCA manages predatory offender registrations, coordinates the state's America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert and Blue Alert programs, and leads the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Financial Crimes Task Force, the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force,

and the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force. The BCA also houses a new Violent Crime Reduction Unit, a group of agents, analysts, scientists, crime victim and witness coordinators, as well as a dozen local agency officers, who have the primary task of disrupting violent crime in Minnesota.

The BCA also conducts conflict investigations, including investigations of officer-involved use of deadly force incidents. While the BCA has conducted most of these investigations in past years, a Force Investigations Unit established in 2020 focuses exclusively on police-involved shootings, police use of deadly force, conflict investigations, and incidents where peace officers or Minnesota National Guard are accused of sexual assaults.

Within the BCA Investigations division is the Criminal Information and Operations Section (CIOS). This section is composed of reactive criminal intelligence analysts who provide analytical and case support to BCA investigations. It also houses the Minnesota Duty Officer and Operations Center, along with the Minnesota Crime Alert Network and the Minnesota Missing and Unidentified Person's Clearinghouse, and the AMBER Alert and Blue Alert Programs.

In addition, the CIOS houses the Minnesota Fusion Center that employs criminal intelligence analysts and agents who collect threat-related information that is received, analyzed, and shared among federal, state, local, Tribal, territorial, and private-sector partners. The Minnesota Fusion Center also exchanges data with a nationwide network of designated state and urban fusion centers. Drawing on the information provided by the Minnesota Fusion Center, partners maximize their ability to prevent, detect, investigate, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity.

Forensic Science Services

The state's only full-service, accredited laboratories are operated by the BCA. The Forensic Science Services (FSS) include a full-service forensic laboratory in Saint Paul and targeted services laboratories in Bemidji and St. Cloud. A fourth laboratory in greater Minnesota is currently under construction in Mankato to service the southern one-third of Minnesota and is expected to open in March 2027. The FSS laboratories are ISO/IEC 17025 accredited – an international standard for technical competence - by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) National Accreditation Board.

Scientists perform analysis of physical evidence collected by law enforcement and medical examiners across the state. The BCA provides forensic testing in the areas of drug chemistry, toxicology, alcohol, latent fingerprints, firearms, toolmarks, fire debris, trace evidence, biology, and DNA. The FSS DNA unit serves as the state administrator for the FBI Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and is responsible for the management of the state DNA database, ensuring compliance with federal and state standards, and serves as the primary liaison between local laboratories, the state, and the FBI CODIS system. The FSS also operates the evidential breath alcohol testing program which provides calibration services, approved instruments, training, and certification to law enforcement across the state.

The Crime Scene Response Team (CSRT) is a joint effort between the FSS and the Investigations divisions that gathers evidence at serious crime scenes throughout Minnesota. Evidence testing results help solve crimes, convict the guilty, and exonerate the innocent. The CSRT is one part of the newly formed Forensic Intelligence, Response, Support, and Testing (FIRST) unit which was developed to collaborate with the Violent Crime Reduction Unit in the Investigations division. The statewide National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) program is another aspect of this effort.

In addition to laboratory testing of evidence, BCA scientists provide expert witness testimony, training, and consultation services to criminal justice agencies, and contribute to the continuous improvement of forensic sciences.

Minnesota Justice Information Services (MNJIS)

This division collects, manages, and delivers criminal justice information to law enforcement, prosecutors, corrections professionals, court staff, and defense attorneys for better decision-making in the criminal justice system and is the conduit of this information for local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies. The BCA maintains more than 30 criminal justice information applications and data management tools on a secure network. This data includes fingerprints, criminal history, warrants and wanted persons, stolen property, driver and vehicle data, predatory offender registrations, firearm permits to carry, charging, sentencing, corrections, and supervision data, etc. This division also conducts triennial audits of criminal justice and non-criminal justice agencies that access BCA and FBI data and systems to ensure appropriate use of data.

This data is also available to the public for other purposes as authorized by law. Accurate and timely criminal justice information also plays a role in providing background checks for employment, housing, firearm permits, and other purposes. BCA systems provide authorized agencies and organizations with the information they need to make those decisions.

The BCA collects crime statistics from all Minnesota law enforcement agencies and makes it available to analyze crime trends and to assist local agencies in planning and proactive policing.

Professional Services

This division provides a variety of professional, legal, and business support services, both internally and to external customers and stakeholders. This includes the BCA Training Program which provides training for law enforcement officers and other criminal justice professionals on management and leadership, information security, as well as multiple tactical training courses related to criminal investigations and forensic science testing. Professional Services also oversees all data requests, fiscal responsibilities, and the BCA's national law enforcement accreditation program.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Daily number of computer transactions in support of criminal justice professionals	Quantity	Data based on queries to BCA data system	This number stayed the same as FY 2024	FY 2025 – averaged 1.3 million daily transactions
Number of background checks conducted for licensing, employment, housing, etc.	Quantity	Data collected from BCA criminal history system	FY 2024 – approximately 320,000 background checks Number has decreased due to a shift to fingerprint-based checks instead of name/date of birth checks	FY 2025 – approximately 314,165 background checks
Number of law enforcement and criminal justice professionals trained each year	Quantity	Data collected from BCA training database	FY 2024 – approximately 5,000 students Number is at the highest levels after a significant decrease in 2020-2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic	FY 2026 – approximately 9,000 students
Agent hours conducting criminal investigations	Quantity	Data collected from BCA case management and time tracking systems	FY 2023-24 – more than 353,000 hours This time has increased as agent full-time employees have increased	FY 2025 – more than 247,000 hours spent on criminal investigations
Officer-involved use of deadly force investigations conducted	Quantity	Data collected from BCA case management system	FY 2023-24 – 48 investigations conducted These numbers stayed relatively the same from FY 2023-24, although the depth and complexity have risen greatly	FY 2025 – 21 investigations conducted
Sexual assault investigations involving law enforcement or National Guard	Quantity	Data collected from BCA case management system	FY 2023-24 – 64 investigations conducted Over the past few years, the numbers have remained consistent	FY 2025 - 31 investigations conducted
Percentage of predatory offenders in compliance with registration requirements	Result	Data collected from the BCA predatory offender registry	This percentage has remained steady over several years	FY 2025 - average of 9.8% non-compliance rate.
Forensic laboratory assignments completed – results released to criminal justice agencies	Quantity	Data collected from BCA laboratory case management system	FY 2023 – 34,884 FY 2024 – 43,670 Average trend in demand for service across all disciplines has increased. FY24 was an outlier due to large scale backlog reduction efforts	FY 2025 - 37,726 forensic reports released

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

No evidence-based practices identified.

[M.S. Chapter 299C](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299C) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299C>) provides the legal authority for the BCA.

Program: State Fire Marshal (SFM)<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Workforce: 78 employees
- Fire investigations team trained 142 fire and law enforcement officials during 2025
- Fire service specialists engaged 581 fire departments in 2024
- On average, the State Fire Marshal division trains nearly 1,500 people a year
- Coordinate and oversee the state emergency response teams including hazardous materials teams, bomb squads, urban search and rescue, and the Minnesota Air Rescue team.

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The State Fire Marshal (SFM) division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety supports and strengthens fire-safe environments across Minnesota by providing statewide leadership and guidance in support of fire and life safety policy, enforcement, prevention, and education. The program's primary customers include the fire service, people impacted by fire loss, law enforcement, public schools, health care facilities, business and industry, construction contractors, hotels and motels, day care and foster care facilities, and the public.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The SFM division addresses key fire-safety issues with the goal of preventing incidents that result in fire deaths, injuries, and loss of property, and have a negative impact on the public and economy of the state. The SFM works closely with local fire service officials to increase fire prevention awareness by:

- Adopting and enforcing the State Fire Code
- Conducting fire and life safety inspections in regulated facilities
- Providing fire prevention training programs and materials
- Providing Youth Firesetter Prevention and Intervention programs
- Conducting fire/arson investigations to determine cause and origin
- Analyzing Minnesota fire incident data

Additionally, SFM staff works with affiliate agencies to create a safer Minnesota by:

- Conducting a statewide fire service assessment to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement
- Regulating the fire protection industry
- Certifying cigarette manufacturers' compliance with fire safety standards
- Responding to major fire emergencies and disasters to assist local responders
- Providing grants that support local fire departments
- Licensing manufacturers of explosives
- Certifying public fireworks display operators
- Providing technical assistance to local fire authorities
- Coordinating state emergency response teams, including hazardous materials, technical rescue, bomb squads, and air rescue

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Fire deaths	Results	Collected through fire report data, along with data from Minnesota Department of Health	The rate of fire deaths has increased by 16% between 2006-2025. Older adults in rural areas are most vulnerable.	FY 2023 – 75 FY 2024 - 55 FY 2025 - 71
Number of training participants for all training including fire investigations, inspections, and fire code	Quantity	Collected through training registration site	Demand for training has increased, the division has increased opportunities to meet customer demand.	FY 2023 – 700 FY 2024 – 853 FY 2025 – 1,380
Fire code inspections – inspections in statutorily required occupancies such as healthcare facilities, schools, hotels, motels, and childcare	Quantity	Inspections conducted by SFM staff	Most inspections are conducted on a triennial basis, however, there has been a recent increase in requests for fire inspections from business owners and other agencies (i.e., OCM, MDH, DCYF) for newly licensed facilities.	FY 2023 – 4,478 FY 2024 – 5,480 FY 2025 – 5,032
Fire investigations	Quantity	Internal reporting database	Requests for investigations from local jurisdictions have been increasing over the last five years.	FY 2023 – 953 FY 2024 – 796 FY 2025 – 844
Fire protection license/certificate	Quantity	Internal database managed by SFM to license and provide certificates to contractors, sprinkler fitters, and managing employees	Overall, the number of license and certificate holders has remained steady in the fire protection industry.	Contractors: FY 2023 – 52 FY 2024 – 61 FY 2025 - 67 Sprinkler fitters and managing employees: FY 2023 – 674 FY 2024 – 689 FY 2025 - 612
State teams' responses	Quantity	Internal reporting database	From 2023 to 2025, the number of responses increased steadily for some state assets and remained steady for others.	Hazardous materials response teams: FY 2023 – 27 FY 2024 – 45 FY 2025 – 53 Bomb squad teams: FY 2023 – 153 FY 2024 – 169 FY 2025 – 123 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R): FY 2023 – 2 FY 2024 – 4 FY 2025 – 4 Air Rescue Team (MART): FY 2023 – 22 FY 2024 – 9 FY 2025 – 21

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

No evidence-based practices identified.

[M.S. 299F.001 - 299F.859](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299F) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299F>) provide the legal authority for SFM programs and services.

[M.S. 299A.48 - 299A.55](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A>) provide the legal authority for the state emergency response asset program and services.

Program: Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement (AGE)<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/age/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Workforce: 27 employees
- 100,096 current alcohol licenses, permits, and brand labels in Minnesota
- 18,012 slot machines and approximately 275 blackjack tables in Minnesota
- Collects \$4.5 million in alcohol and gambling license fees annually
- Statewide criminal and civil/administrative enforcement authority for Minnesota alcohol laws
- Primary state investigative entity for criminal gambling violations, except violations relating only to taxation
- Compact compliance responsibilities for Class III gaming (e.g., blackjack tables and gaming devices) with the 11 Tribal Nations that share borders with Minnesota at 21 Tribally owned casinos
- Direct licensing and regulation of gambling device manufacturers, distributors, and testing facilities

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement (AGE) division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety protects and serves the public through regulation and enforcement of the state's alcohol and gambling laws, providing stability, integrity, and public safety in the state's alcoholic beverage and gaming industries.

AGE is both a statewide law enforcement organization and regulatory organization. The division administers and enforces Minnesota alcohol laws; conducts criminal and civil/administrative alcohol investigations; investigates criminal gambling violations throughout the state; licenses and regulates gambling devices; conducts background and suitability investigations for state and Tribal gaming regulatory authorities; and performs compliance, inspection, audit, and enforcement functions involving charitable gambling, pari-mutuel racing (a form of betting system), the Minnesota State Lottery, and Tribal-State Gaming Compacts.

AGE responsibilities include both licensed and unlicensed activity. AGE special agents are licensed peace officers who conduct criminal investigations and, as authorized by law, obtain and execute search warrants, make arrests, conduct searches and seizures, seize evidence and contraband, and pursue forfeiture actions. AGE also exercises regulatory and administrative authorities that include inspections, audits, subpoenas, licensing actions, civil penalties, cease-and-desist orders, and court-ordered injunctive relief when authorized by law.

SERVICES PROVIDED

AGE provides licensing, regulatory, investigative, enforcement, compliance, background, audit, training, and technical assistance services to the alcohol and gambling industries, law enforcement, government partners, Tribal governments, and the public.

Alcohol Licensing, Regulation, Enforcement, and Investigations

- Regulate and enforce the alcoholic beverage three-tier liquor licensing system and requirements
- Issue, approve, and monitor 28,109 liquor licenses and permits
- Register and maintain approximately 71,987 alcohol beverage product labels
- Perform routine and pre-license inspections for compliance and conduct investigations

- Provide training, technical assistance, education, and regulatory guidance to law enforcement, prosecutors, city and county licensing authorities, city clerks, alcohol licensees, regulated gambling entities, nonprofit organizations, and the public

Gambling Investigations, Enforcement, Licensing, and Regulation

- Investigate illegal and fraudulent gambling operations and criminal violations involving charitable gambling, pari-mutuel racing and card clubs, gambling devices, and other regulated or illegal gambling activity.
- Provide investigative services to the Gambling Control Board, Minnesota Racing Commission, and the Minnesota State Lottery
- Provide industry training and educational outreach to the public related to fundraising and non-profits engaged in charitable gambling.
- License and regulate gambling device manufacturers, distributors, and testing facilities.
- Utilize the state's certified currency-detection canine to assist AGE and other law enforcement agencies in locating currency associated with criminal activity, seizure, forfeiture, and victim restitution.
- Under the Tribal-State gaming compacts with Minnesota's 11 Tribal Nations, AGE monitors and conducts compact compliance inspections of Class III gaming in Tribal casinos including:
 - Inspecting blackjack, Class III card games, and slot machines at 21 Tribal casinos
 - Completing comprehensive background investigations for the licensure and regulation of gambling device manufacturers and distributors

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Active Liquor licenses and permits – all tiers: manufacturing, distribution, retail, ethynyl, temporary, optional, and common carriers	Result	Minnesota liquor licensing database	FY 2024 – 24,657	FY 2025 - 28,109 (active licenses and permits)
Completed pre license inspections for new liquor licenses and routine liquor license inspections.	Quantity	AGE records management system	FY 2024 – 1,149	FY 2025 - 1,347
Alcohol and gambling criminal investigations completed	Quantity	ACISS criminal investigation records management system	FY 2024 - 690 Criminal investigations are steady	FY 2025 - 671
Tribal-State gaming compact compliance inspections completed	Quantity	AGE records management system	FY 2024 - 536 Inspection activity has decreased slightly	FY 2025 - 468

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

No evidence-based practices identified.

The Department of Public Safety's authority is established in the following statutes and rules:

Alcohol

[M.S. 299A.02](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A.02) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A.02>) – AGE administration and enforcement authority

[M.S. Chapter 340A](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/340A) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/340A>) – Liquor control

[M.S. Chapter 297G](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/297G) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/297G>) – Alcohol enforcement of certain provisions

[Administrative Rule, Chapter 7515](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7515/) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7515/>) - Liquor

Gambling

[M.S. 3.9221](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3.9221) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3.9221>) – Tribal-State Gaming Compacts

[M.S. 349A](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/349A) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/349A>) – Minnesota State Lottery

[M.S. 240](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/240) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/240>) – Horse racing and racing commissions

[M.S. 299L](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299L) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299L>) – Regulatory Enforcement

[M.S. 609](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/609) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/609>) - Criminal Enforcement

[Administrative Rule, Chapter 7570](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7570/) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7570/>) – Gambling Devices

Program: Office of Justice Programs (OJP)<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Workforce: 89 employees
- Provides over 800 grants annually to programs across the state
- Crime Victim Justice unit communicates annually with more than 1,200 victims, professionals, and members of the public
- Provides training to more than 1,000 professionals annually
- Provides outreach to over 4,000 community members, partners, and professionals annually
- Manages ongoing partnerships with the state's crime victim coalitions, as well as numerous state level initiatives and groups, such as the Minnesota Domestic Violence Collaborative, the Minnesota Interagency on Homelessness, and the Minnesota Children's Cabinet
- Oversees VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), the statewide automated system that notifies crime victims of changes in offender custody status across all 87 Minnesota counties
- Processes over 2,700 claims to state medical providers to reimburse sexual assault exam costs

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) improves community safety through assisting crime victims and providing funding for local programs and task forces, as well as providing quality training, technical assistance, and best practices information for partners statewide. With a focus on equity and inclusion, OJP provides leadership and resources to:

- Assist victims of violent crime by providing resources at the local level using simplified processes, user-friendly systems, and improved technology
- Reduce crime through administration of state and federal grants supporting the work of community and government partners throughout Minnesota
- Improve how the criminal justice system functions by providing relevant research and data analysis

OJP engages in outreach across Minnesota to increase awareness of OJP services, the resources available to victims, and to assist in meeting the needs of communities. OJP also coordinates two major training events: the OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization and the Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy. These events provide criminal justice and crime victim professionals with opportunities for training in emerging and best practices.

OJP supports Minnesota's policymakers and leaders by providing thorough and accurate data analysis and research through the Minnesota Statistical Analysis Center (MNSAC) on all aspects of the criminal and juvenile justice systems to improve safety outcomes. MNSAC also assists criminal justice stakeholders in program evaluation to ensure effective public safety outcomes.

SERVICES PROVIDED

OJP assists crime victims, youth, and families in three distinct program areas: grants to local programs, violent crime victim reimbursement, and crime victim justice. In addition, as part of those programs, OJP collects and analyzes data, directs program evaluations, provides training, and develops reports on a variety of criminal justice topics.

Grants Management

OJP provides grants and grant management administration of programs to improve personal and community safety and to improve the criminal justice system, including:

- Funding for community crime prevention and intervention programs that may include pretrial services, restorative justice initiatives, sex trafficking prevention, and violence prevention and intervention programming
- Funding for multi-jurisdictional Violent Crime Enforcement Teams that address narcotics, gang, and related violent crime in 70 Minnesota counties
- Funding for multi-jurisdictional sex trafficking task forces
- Funding for the statewide domestic violence shelter system and crime victim services programs that assist with safety and support services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and general crime
- Funding for crisis response programs that support co-responder models, mobile crisis teams, and other alternatives to law-enforcement only responses to behavioral health crises
- Funding for transitional housing and housing stability programs for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Funding for Pathways to Policing grant program, which supports the recruitment and training of nontraditional law enforcement candidates to build a more diverse and community-connected officer workforce
- Administrative monitoring through tracking grantee budgets and work plans, conducting site visits, and providing technical assistance to grantees to ensure the appropriate expenditure of funds and support in achieving the program's vision and needs
- Training for grantee programs to improve administrative capacity, grant management, and operational delivery of services

Crime Victim Reimbursement

The Crime Victim Reimbursement Act, passed in 1974, created a victim compensation program to help victims of violent crime with their financial losses. These services are provided through the reimbursement unit within OJP by reimbursing costs incurred because of a violent crime to help victims recover their health and economic stability. Assistance may include funeral and burial expenses, medical and dental bills, counseling, childcare, lost wages, crime scene clean up, and dependent support, among other efforts.

Crime Victim Justice Unit (CVJU)

CVJU is a victim rights compliance office that works to ensure that crime victims in Minnesota are treated appropriately, and their statutory rights are upheld. This work includes:

- Investigating violations of crime victim rights to ensure the fair and respectful treatment of victims and improve victim satisfaction
- Providing guidance and technical assistance to prosecutors' offices to ensure compliance with statutory obligations and victim-centered best practices
- Training criminal justice and advocacy professionals on their statutory crime victim rights obligations
- Providing victims with information about their rights and navigating the criminal justice system to ensure victim participation in the process
- Overseeing VINE, the statewide automated victim notification service

Training, Communications, and Community Engagement

OJP provides the following training, communications, and community engagement for Minnesotans:

- Training for victim services and criminal justice professionals, including the annual OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization and the Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy
- Training for crime victim service providers and juvenile and criminal justice practitioners to improve program services
- Providing victim service information to community members, families, and organizations; and information regarding OJP and community resources and services to those impacted by crime
- Responding to mass victimization events to assist victims and survivors

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office (MMIR)

The MMIR office provides support and resources for impacted families and communities, case reviews, training, and education in collaboration with 11 Tribal Nations and numerous community organizations, local and state agencies, and federal government offices. It develops and maintains relationships and works in partnership with non-profit advocacy networks to make services available for indigenous people. The MMIR office is facilitating research that will support the development of strategies to respond to the mandates described in the 2020 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Task Force report and ongoing recommendations to address MMIR injustice.

Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls Office (MMBWG)

The MMBWG office is dedicated to addressing the disproportionately high rates of violence experienced by Black women and girls through acknowledging how systemic racism, sexism, and economic inequality contribute to these elevated risks. The MMBWG office develops targeted strategies and interventions to support survivors and families. The establishment of the MMBWG office brings much needed attention to an often-overlooked issue of violence against Black women and girls. Increased visibility can lead to greater public understanding and concern, which is crucial for driving change.

The office is tasked with collecting data, conducting research, and making policy recommendations that lead to meaningful changes in how cases involving Black women and girls are handled. The MMBWG office collaborates across the state enterprise, with law enforcement, and community members to develop strategies to improve systems gaps. This work is vital in bringing justice, support, and change to the communities most affected by this violence. The 2022 Missing and Murdered African American Women Task Force Report provided recommendations to help guide the statutory mandates of the office.

Minnesota Sexual Assault Exam Payment Program (MSAEPP)

In 2023, the Legislature shifted responsibility for paying the cost of sexual examinations to the state. Prior to the law change, counties were responsible for assuming this cost. Medical providers submit their claims for reimbursement to an online system, and the OJP is responsible for reviewing claims and processing payment.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Counties where crime victims received some level of service	Quantity	Service areas of crime victim services grantees	Consistent with prior years	All 87 counties in Minnesota
Domestic violence victims provided emergency shelter and created a safety plan	Result	Service areas of crime victim services grantees	Increase FY 2023 – 5,546	Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 - 5,910
Reimbursement claims received	Quantity	Reimbursement claim data system	Slight increase FY 2023 – 1,369 FY 2024 - 608	FY 2025 - 1,352 FY 2026 - 1,415
Active grants with real-time technical assistance provided	Quantity	DPS online grants management system	Slight decrease over two-year average FY 2023 – 1,369 FY 2024 - 608	FY 2025 - 689 FY 2026 - 887
Violent crime enforcement teams: methamphetamine seizures in grams	Quantity	Reports from violent crime enforcement teams	Increase CY 2023 – 556,863 CY 2024 - 853,034	Calendar year (CY) CY 2025 - 1,492,074
MSAEPP claims received	Quantity	MSAEPP online system	FY 2025 - 2,772	FY 2026 - 2,753

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

OJP's programs fund locally designed community-driven services and do not map directly to clearinghouse-rated programs. Many OJP grant programs require grantees or program participants to conduct or participate in program evaluation as a condition of funding, and OJP assesses outcomes across its grantee network through performance reporting, site visits, and data analysis conducted in coordination with the Minnesota Statistical Analysis Center. OJP continues to develop outcome measurements to better support evidence-based practice adoption and evaluation across its programs.

Portions of the Office of Justice programs, including the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and Youth Intervention Program grants, have moved to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families because of Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 70. Fiscal detail is included for historical information for fiscal years 2024-2025. For information on these programs and fiscal detail for fiscal year 2026 onwards, please consult the Department of Children, Youth, and Families budget book.

Grants for domestic abuse programs: [M.S. 611A.32](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.32) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.32>)

Grants for general victim service programs: [M.S. 611A.45](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.45) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.45>)

Grants for sexual assault programs: [M.S. 611A.211](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.211) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.211>)

Grants for sexual assault primary prevention: [M.S. 611A.212](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.212) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.212>)

The Crime Victims Reimbursement Board is governed by the Minnesota Crime Victims Reimbursement Act: [M.S. 611A.51-611A.68](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.51) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.51>)

CVJU is governed by the Crime Victim Oversight Act: [M.S. 611A.72-74](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.72) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/611A.72>)

The MMIR Office: [M.S. 299A.85](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A.85) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A.85>)

The MMBWG Office, [M.S. 299A.90](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A.90) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299A.90>)

Program: Emergency Communication Networks (ECN)<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ecn/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Workforce: 12 employees
- Funded by the 911 Emergency Fund
- \$28 million annually is provided to eligible Public Safety Access Points (PSAPs) to supplement 911 operating costs
- \$10 million annual appropriation for maintenance of the statewide Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The Emergency Communication Networks (ECN) division of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) oversees the statewide 911 program to ensure that 911 is available to all residents and visitors in Minnesota. The division works closely with Public Safety Access Points (PSAPs) to support the day-to-day operations and ensure compliance with state law and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. The ECN division also collaborates with key partners across the state, including the Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB), public safety leaders, elected officials, and telecommunications providers.

SERVICES PROVIDED**9-1-1 Program**

- Provides a reliable and secure emergency telecommunications network to emergency communications centers for all Minnesota residents and visitors requesting assistance during an emergency using voice or text communications
- Is migrating to a Next Generation 911 technology environment to improve call routing, caller location finding, and incident information to first responders
- Is upgrading the state's emergency 911 system - through a collaborative partnership with the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) - using geospatial data from counties, municipalities, and Tribal nations to improve location accuracy of 911 calls and texts
- Supports state, county, local, and Tribal PSAPs through guidance and education

Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response Program (ARMER)

- Enables emergency responders to communicate easily by providing a reliable and robust land mobile radio system in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- Provides 95 percent mobile radio coverage across 87 counties, permitting emergency responders to communicate with every 911 PSAP and with one another seamlessly when responding to requests for emergency assistance

Wireless Broadband Program

- Supports emergency responders through collaborative public-private partnerships with AT&T/FirstNet, the national public safety wireless broadband provider, and other national wireless carriers in selecting reliable and robust wireless broadband service and applications that are capable of sharing data seamlessly over multiple platforms
- Provides documentation to emergency service responders to ensure they can complete comprehensive due diligence in selecting voice and data services provided by wireless carriers to meet their unique needs and requirements

Integrated Public Alert Warning System Program (IPAWS)

- Ensures that all residents and visitors in Minnesota receive notifications to take a specific action during an emergency event to keep themselves safe
- Establishes training and protocol in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the expansion of public alerts and warnings through private and public partnerships

Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB)

- Brings together county officials, agency representatives, and public safety professionals from across the state to create technical and operational standards for emergency communications. This includes both individual pieces of equipment like radio handsets as well as statewide infrastructure, like the ARMER radio backbone
- Ensures interoperability between public safety agencies for radio, wireless broadband, and cellular communications
- Sets strategic plans for maintenance and expansion of existing emergency communications systems, including 911 and ARMER

Other Functions include:

- Building and supporting an environment of interoperability across emergency communication platforms
- Providing grant funding to local government units to improve emergency communication capabilities statewide
- Promoting emergency communication training and exercise opportunities to increase awareness and enhance proficiency for public safety 911 telecommunicators and emergency service responders
- Encouraging cybersecurity hygiene to ensure a secure 911 network and provide education and training to PSAPs
- Supporting the Statewide and Regional Emergency Communications Governance structure to ensure all public safety stakeholders have a voice in how Minnesota's interoperable public safety systems function through collaboratively developed and implemented standards
- Planning for and supporting migration to the latest technology solutions to enhance emergency communications
- Collecting 911 fees from telecommunications providers

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of 911 calls answered statewide	Quantity	911 Data	Consistent annually over last 10 years	Calendar Year (CY) 2025- ~2.9 million
Number of 911 text messages answered statewide	Quantity	911 Data	CY 2023 – 23,152 Increase as text to 911 has become more widely adopted for public safety communications.	CY 2025 - 36,540
Number of Public Safety Answering Points supported	Quantity	ECN Data	96 primary/11 secondary Similar over last several years.	CY 2025 - 96 primary/7 secondary

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

No evidence-based practices identified.

Emergency and Public Communications: [M.S. Chapter 403](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/403) (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/403) and Administrative Rules [M.S. Chapter 7580](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7580) (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/7580)

Program: Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE)<https://www.mbfte.org>**AT A GLANCE**

- Workforce: 5 employees
- Issues licenses to full-time and volunteer/paid on-call firefighters
- There are approximately 19,900 firefighters in Minnesota, of which approximately 3,847 are licensed
- Supports increased training and education activities by fire departments through a training reimbursement program
- Establishes minimum standards for fire instructor qualifications

PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) is to standardize firefighting training by setting qualified instructor standards, licensing firefighters, and providing training reimbursement funds to fire departments in Minnesota. Board members are appointed by the governor, as specified by law. Funding for the activities of the MBFTE is appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature through the Fire Safety Account in the special revenue fund. In addition, the firefighter license fee supports the licensing function of the MBFTE.

The MBFTE helps keep people in Minnesota safe by promoting a high level of training for all firefighters through funding and oversight on the quality of instructors and training curriculum. The MBFTE issues licensure to full-time firefighters (required to be licensed through the MBFTE) and volunteer/paid on-call firefighters (can voluntarily apply for a license through the MBFTE) in Minnesota. The MBFTE has the authority to issue and revoke licenses.

The primary customers of the MBFTE are the fire chiefs and the nearly 20,000 firefighters of Minnesota, as well as local government officials. Residents and visitors to Minnesota are stakeholders in how well Minnesota firefighters perform their jobs.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The MBFTE was established by the Minnesota State Legislature to:

- Review fire service training needs and make recommendations on training to Minnesota fire service organizations
- Establish standards for educational programs and qualifications for instruction
- Establish standards for which reimbursement will be provided for firefighter training and education
- License firefighters in the State of Minnesota

The MBFTE reimburses fire departments for firefighter training programs, provided the training meets national or state standards and the instructor is approved. Funding is also provided for training programs to fire service associations/groups to hold seminars, workshops, and conferences, which allow firefighters to take advantage of specialized training.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of fire departments requesting reimbursement for training expenditures	Quantity	MBFTE database	Fiscal year (FY) 2025 - 647 FY 2024 - 630 FY 2023 - 639	FY 2026 - 651
Total amount of reimbursements requested by fire departments	Quantity	MBFTE database	FY 2025 - \$7.17M FY 2024 - \$5.4M FY 2023 - \$8.15M	FY 2026 - \$7.52M
Firefighters completing initial level training and testing to national certification standards that were reimbursed by the MBFTE	Results	MBFTE database	FY 2025 - 568 FY 2024 - 629 FY 2023 - 762	FY 2026 - 756

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

No evidence-based practices identified.

[M.S. Chapter 299N](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299N) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/299N>) establish the legal authority for the MBFTE to set qualified instructor standards, issue training reimbursements, and license firefighters.