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STATE OF NEVADA
2004-2005 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST
EXPANDED PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Budget Account Title:	Fire Marshal
Budget Account Number:	3816
Name of Agency or Program:	State Fire Marshal Division

SECTION 1 – STATUTORY MANDATE, PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS, PUBLIC PURPOSE AND CRITICAL NEED

1A – Statutory Mandate

The Department of Public Safety, Fire Marshal Division was created and performs its duties under the authority of NRS 477. Added references of duties and powers are found in the following: NRS 432, 244, 392, 394, 424, 331, 244, 481, 475 and 629.

1B – Program Descriptions

The Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division is responsible for fire and life safety inspections, arson investigation, building plan examination, training and licensing of the fire protections industry and the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

The mission of the State Fire Marshal Division is to provide citizens, visitors and the fire service in the State of Nevada a safe environment in which to live, visit and work. This is accomplished through education, training, inspection, licensing, permitting, informational programs, public service announcements, plans review and investigation. The adoption of codes and regulations are designed to prevent injury or death and property loss due to fire, hazardous materials incidents and manmade incidents that may expose the public and first responders to injury in the event of an emergency.

A license, issued by the State Fire Marshal, is required for maintenance, installation or sale of fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems or fire sprinkler systems, use of explosives in any commercial construction, and commercial fireworks displays.

When companies or individuals operate outside of regulatory requirements the State Fire Marshal's deputies investigate complaints, hold show-cause hearings and if necessary make arrests.

SECTION 2 – NEW PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET ACCOUNT

There are no new programs included in this budget account.

SECTION 3 – PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Projected FY 02</u>	<u>Actual FY 02</u>	<u>Projected FY 03</u>	<u>Projected FY 04</u>	<u>Projected FY 05</u>
Number of state buildings inspected	225	360	360	370	380
Number of state licensed facility inspections	290	254	254	260	265
Number of other buildings or facilities inspected	180	373	373	380	385
Investigations of fire deaths or suspicious fires	170	158	158	164	174
Number of plans reviewed	445	591	620	650	685
Average turnaround time per plan (in days)	30	35	35	30	30

***Explanation of Performance Indicators**

We are responsible to inspect approximately 29,000 buildings in the state. Due to the large number of State buildings and the limited staff of (6) Deputy State Fire Marshals, other than schools, some of which are locally inspected, most inspections done by this office are on a request basis. These facility inspections are in competition with all other Deputy activities and will go up or