

FACTS & FIGURES

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE – AUGUST 2015

DIRECTOR ADDRESSES BIG “I” CONVENTION

Be Vigilant

Tuesday, July 28, Director Cameron delivered a State of the Department address to the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Idaho – the Big “I.”

Director Cameron said, “The state needs you now more than ever,” alluding to their industry experience and professionalism.

He expressed appreciation to attendees for their dedication to helping people in their local communities and reminded them of the Department’s valued reputation for its open-door policy in which everyone is welcome to share ideas.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT?

The Capitol Mall recently experienced a power outage at 5:00 in the morning. Our Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) performed clean shutdowns of the computer equipment. When power was restored just after 7:00, staff had Internet access. Connections to State resources were not restored until about 10:30. At that time, IT began restoration of all network resources needed for normal operations. Internal equipment logs confirmed that the UPS equipment ran as expected – indicating that the DOI recovery plan of action is sound.

DOI IN THE NEWS

Director Reaches Out to Congressmen

Director Cameron sent a letter to Idaho’s Washington D.C. congressional delegation urging them to support and co-sponsor the “Protecting Affordable Coverage for Employees Act.” Without this bill, Idaho small group employers could be impacted financially by increased costs and penalties.

Read more about it.

- ✓ Other items of interest can be found on the home page of the website under *Department News*.

COMPANY ACTIVITIES

Company Analysis and Examinations completed the review of March 31, 2015 quarterly financial statements for our domestic insurance companies, revoked the certificate of authority of Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and has six financial examinations in progress. They are currently working on a new form for self-funded plans’ quarterly statement filings and are reviewing IDAPA 18.01.27 (Rule 27) for changes or updates.

NEW FACES

The Department welcomed two new employees in July. Karl Fromm, Consumer Affairs Officer, has over 20 years’ experience in the insurance industry. His most recent work was with securities, life insurance and annuities.

Kelly Grady, the Director’s Administrative Assistant, has administrative assistant experience with a local law firm.

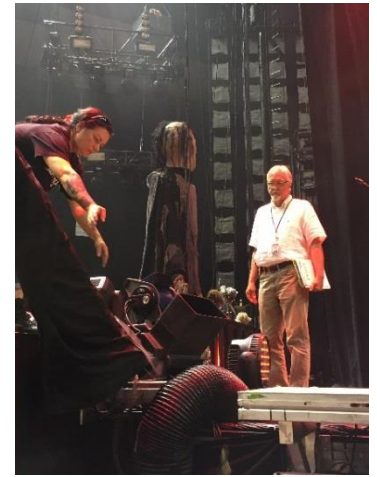
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Motley Crue Concert

One of the duties of the Fire Marshal's Office is conducting inspections for compliance with the adopted fire code. In July, Chief Deputy Tom Mroz performed pre-concert pyrotechnic and flame effect inspections at the Alice Cooper and Motley Crue concert in the Taco Bell Arena.

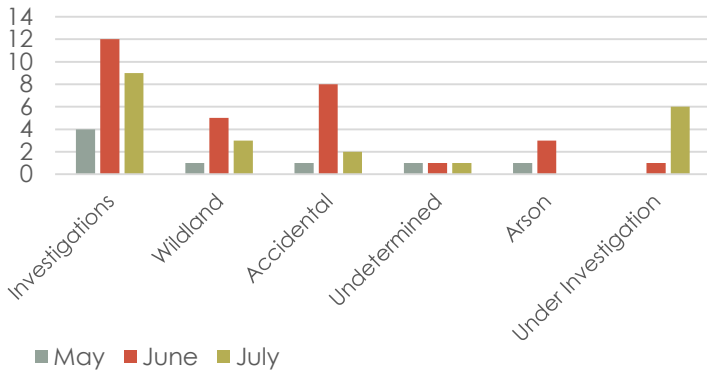
The process included checking proper equipment function, safety procedures, means of egress continuity, and proper pyrotechnic materials and storage for the venue.

Band member testing guitar pyrotechnics.



Chief Deputy Mroz inspects pyrotechnic equipment on stage.

State Fire Marshal Statistics



LICENSE LOOK-UP TOOL

The first step in protecting yourself from insurance fraud is researching the agent and company you are considering doing business with. This **tool**, developed by our IT staff, is a resource for consumers to verify license information before purchasing insurance. It can be accessed from the *left-hand navigation bar* on the home page of the website.

Insurance Company and Producer Search

TO SEARCH BY NAME: Please enter either PART OR ALL of the Company Name or PART OR ALL of licensee First and/or Last Name.
TO SEARCH BY LICENSE: enter LICENSE NUMBER

Company (or Agency) by Name

Individual License Number

TRAINING

Ivan Hibbert, Fire Marshal's Office, completed training and is now a Certified Fire Investigator Instructor with the National Association of Fire & Explosion Investigators.

Brandi Hawkins, Licensing, completed the required courses and training to achieve a SILA Associates designation.

LICENSE APPLICATION HELP

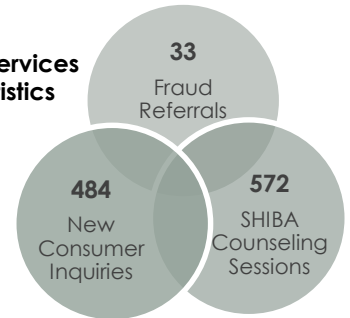
A new page on the website provides guidelines for answering license application background questions – particularly the requirement to request a 1033 review if an applicant has a felony breach of trust or dishonesty criminal conviction.

✓ Find the page [here](#).

Consumer Services July Statistics



SHIBA Counselors Angie Mackin and Jessica Jans, Coeur d'Alene office



SHIBA

Boise SHIBA staff hosted a celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. SHIBA staff and volunteers provide free, unbiased Medicare information to Idahoans. For help, visit the **SHIBA** page on the DOI website.