

FACTS & FIGURES

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE – JULY 2015

DEAN L. CAMERON

Welcome New Director

Dean Cameron was appointed by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter to serve as Director of the Idaho Department of Insurance effective June 15, 2015. Director Cameron is a third generation insurance agent and has 24 years of experience in state government.

Director Cameron was a partner in Cameron and Seamons Insurance and Investments since 2004 and a partner in Cameron and Cameron Insurance Benefit Designers from 1989 to 2004.

Director Cameron served 13 terms in the state senate, including eight terms as Chair of the Senate Finance Committee and Co-chair

of JFAC, the state's budget committee. At the time of his appointment, he was the most senior member of the Senate.

During his tenure in the Senate,



Director Cameron was the senior member on the Senate Resources and Environment committee, Co-chair of the Health Care Task Force and former Chair and senior member of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee which

handles legislation. He sponsored nearly 20 pieces of health care and insurance-related legislation during his Senate service.

ORDERS/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Bail Agent License Suspended

The Director of the Idaho Department of Insurance issued an order suspending the Idaho resident bail agent license of Caldwell resident, Ann Marie Banda. Effective June 19, Banda's license is suspended for one year and she must pay an administrative penalty. [Read more about it.](#)

To view orders and disciplinary actions in detail, visit the Department website, www.doi.idaho.gov, and click on Orders in the left navigation bar.

HEALTH INSURANCE RATE INCREASES

2015 health insurance rate increases have been submitted and are under review. The blue [Health Carrier Rate Justification](#) button on the Department website provides access to the carriers' explanations of factors contributing to the rate increases.

BOISE SCAM JAM

The DOI is a proud member of the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance. This year's event was held June 20 at Boise State University. Nearly 200 area senior citizens attended and learned from experts how to identify, report and protect themselves from fraud. Rachael Bunt from Idaho's SHIBA section spoke to seniors about Medicare fraud and abuse protection. The best defense against fraud is becoming and staying informed.



STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Fire in Idaho

In June, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) conducted 48 inspections, 28 plan reviews and 12 fire investigations.

The Reid Hatley Industries fire on June 16 in Hayden resulted in several million dollars in property loss. Although this fire is still under investigation, it has been ruled an arson.

The Idaho City Fire on June 5 resulted in the total destruction of five businesses. This fire also remains under investigation.

Digitizing of all sprinkler plans continues. This project will allow the SFM to retrieve sprinkler plans at a moment's notice eliminating the cost for storage. Plans are required to be kept for the life of a building per section 104.6 of the Idaho Fire Code.

JUNE FIRE INVESTIGATION STATISTICS

- 2 fatalities
- 5 wildland related
- 3 arson
- 5 under investigation



SFM Sandahl investigates Idaho City Fire

PRODUCER LICENSING

New CE Rule

As of April 11, 2015, resident independent adjusters are required to complete 24 hours of continuing education, including three hours of ethics. This new rule brings Idaho in line with national licensing standards.

The Insurance License Exam Review Committee – including members of the Licensing and Consumer Affairs Sections – met to review content outline, rate and edit examination questions, and submit new examination questions for the Idaho Producer License examinations.

IDAHO LICENSED PRODUCERS & ADJUSTERS AS OF JULY 14

Nonresident Adjusters	8,660
Resident Adjusters	385
Nonresident Producers	70,645
Resident Producers	8,842



CONSUMER SERVICES

June Activities

The Investigations Section hosted the annual Fraud Conference for producers and law enforcement personnel June 3rd and 4th. Nearly 100 attendees from around the Pacific Northwest not only received information on successfully referring, investigating and prosecuting fraud, but also learned how to utilize social media in their investigations and research.

COMPANY ACTIVITIES

The Company Activities Bureau has been attending training on exam and analysis procedures, new model laws and cyber security.

- ✓ Companies should be looking at all their IT security and particularly get up-to-date on cyber security protections for themselves and any service providers they utilize.
- ✓ TPA reports were due July 1 for acceptance and review.

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.