



**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION**

TO: Representative Chet Pollert
Chairman, Budget Section Committee

Re: Distribution and Expenditures of ND Insurance Premium Funds to Fire Departments and Rural Fire Protection Districts

Date: September 24, 2014

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Budget Section Committee,

I am Raymond Lambert, North Dakota State Fire Marshal. I am here to provide you with an update on ND Century Code Section 18:04:02 that provides the standards and guidance for the distribution of insurance premium dollars to fire departments and fire protection districts throughout the State of North Dakota.

Annually the State Fire Marshal's office certifies or recertifies each of the fire departments, rural fire departments, and fire protection districts within the State of North Dakota. With the changes to Chapter 18:04:02 during the 2013 legislative session which requires reporting on the distribution and expenditures of these funds by this office, a certification packet was mailed to each fire service within the State of North Dakota the later part of August, 2014. Added to this certification packet was a form requesting information on the distribution of insurance premium dollars to be returned to this office with the certification letters by the 31st of October as required by statute. The information requested under 18:04:02 was funds received for 2013 and amount spent to date, remaining funds to date, committed funds, purpose of committed funds, and time frame for use of the committed funds to include uncommitted funds still remaining to be spent. To date, this office has received back approximately ninety (90), almost one-fourth, of the certificates sent out with the expenditure report. Attached for your review is an itemized complete listing of the reports received by this office at this time.

As an overview, eighty-seven (87) departments have returned completed forms to this office to date totaling over \$3,000,000. The amount spent to date totals over \$2,400,000. Remaining funds of what has been submitted to this office shows the amount of \$670,000 yet to be spent. The total amount committed is over \$1,000,000. The purposes of the committed funds varies from the purchasing of new fire trucks, building improvements, building replacement, fire fighters retirement plan, daily operational expenses of the fire department, fire-fighting personal protective gear, and others that are listed on the form for your review. Time frame for use of these committed funds varies from already spent to longer range planning up to about four years. The uncommitted funds, money yet to be spent, the amount is approximately \$65,000. In the overview, it appears that the funds received and expenditures are in line with what is specified under the North Dakota Century Code for allowable expenditure and use of these dollars. Also as seen to date, we have only received approximately one-fourth (1/4) of the departments responding back to this office with over two hundred fifty departments still yet to respond with the reply date of October 31, 2014. After that date a complete report would be available to the total amount of dollars distributed and the total amount of dollars expended and for the purpose of these dollars usage.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I would be glad to address any specific questions that you may have at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to you.


Raymond Lambert
North Dakota State Fire Marshal

Expenditure of ND Insurance Tax Distribution Funds

Funds Distributed 2013 Year End

Fire Department Data Received As Of September 22, 2014

FIRE DEPARTMENT	FUNDS RECEIVED END OF 2013	AMOUNT SPENT TO DATE	REMAINING FUNDS TO DATE	COMMITTED FUNDS	PURPOSE FOR COMMITTED FUNDS	TIMEFRAME FOR USE OF COMMITTED FUNDS	UNCOMMITTED FUNDS
Amidon Fire Prot Dist	\$3,344.39	\$3,344.39	\$0.00	\$3,344.39	New Fire Truck	Done	
Aneta Fire Prot Dist	\$8,311.78	\$8,311.78	\$0.00				
Barney Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$14,263.19	\$0.00	\$14,263.19	\$14,263.19	New Fire Trucks	Done	
Bisbee Fire Prot Dist	\$9,240.42	\$9,240.42	\$0.00				
Bismarck Fire Department	\$467,697.60	\$233,848.80	\$233,848.80	\$233,848.80	Burn building development, Replacement of fire trucks, and distribution to Firefighter Relief Association as per NDCC	2015-2016	
Bismarck Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$162,487.78	\$162,487.78	\$0.00	\$81,243.89	Firefighter Retirement plan and Operations of the Fire Department	None	
Bowdon Fire Dept	\$2,190.89	\$0.00	\$2,190.89	\$0.00			\$2,190.89
Bowdon Rural Fire Dept	\$14,647.70	\$0.00	\$14,647.70	\$0.00			\$14,647.70
Bowman Fire Department	\$18,446.99	\$18,446.99	\$0.00				
Bowman Rural Fire Department	\$11,603.43	\$11,603.43	\$0.00				
Butte Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$6,155.47						
Cando Fire Department	\$10,637.79	\$3,711.13	\$6,926.66	\$5,500.00	Bunker gear and general truck maintenance	None	\$1,426.66
Cogswell Fire Prot Dist	\$16,928.06	\$3,559.26	\$13,368.80	\$13,368.80	Purchase of used tanker truck	2 years	
Cooperstown Fire Department	\$9,414.31	\$9,414.31	\$0.00		Equip new 4X4 fire truck	None	
Cooperstown Rural Fire Department	\$11,526.53	\$11,526.53	\$0.00		Equip new 4X4 fire truck	None	

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Courtney Rural Fire Dept	\$7,494.48	\$7,494.48	\$0.00				
Des Lacs Fire Prot Dist	\$7,426.00	\$7,426.00	\$0.00				
Devils Lake Fire Department	\$47,593.66	\$10,411.00	\$37,182.66	\$37,182.66	Fire truck replacement	4 years	
Donnybrook Rural Fire District	\$11,230.87	\$11,230.87	\$0.00				
Drayton Fire Dept	\$5,474.51	\$5,474.51	\$0.00				
Drayton Rural Fire Department	\$11,637.42	\$11,637.42	\$0.00				
Dunseith Rural Fire Distict #6	\$6,524.00	\$6,524.00	\$0.00				
Dwight Fire Prot Dist	\$18,390.81	\$18,390.81	\$0.00		Jaws of Life	None	
Edinburg Fire District	\$7,879.19	\$7,879.19	\$0.00				
Erie Rural Fire Department	\$4,152.05	\$331.43	\$3,820.62				\$3,820.62
Esmond Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$14,745.00	\$12,500.00	\$2,245.00	\$4,600.00	Firefighter gear and maintenance	Annually	\$2,245.00
Fairdale Rural Fire Dept	\$4,641.39	\$4,941.39	\$0.00				
Fargo Fire Dept	\$627,613.78	\$627,613.78	\$0.00	\$313,806.89	Pension requirement per Century Code	Paid in January	
Ferry Township Fire District	\$15,636.58	\$15,636.58	\$0.00				
Fessenden Fire Prot Dist	\$21,227.77	\$15,463.00	\$5,764.77	\$5,764.77	100' of 4" soft suction hose	\$41,791.00	
Fordville Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$9,095.00	\$9,095.00	\$0.00				
Fortuna Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$5,598.30	\$5,598.30	\$0.00				
Garrison Fire Dept	\$12,177.00	\$12,177.00	\$0.00				
Garrison Rural Fire District	\$27,126.65	\$27,126.65	\$0.00				
Gilby Fire Prot Dist	\$14,395.08	\$13,335.49	\$1,059.59				\$1,059.59
Golva Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$3,350.74	\$3,350.74	\$0.00				
Goodrich Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$10,705.39	\$7,440.00					\$3,265.39
Granville Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$9,805.00	\$0.00	\$9,805.00	\$0.00			\$9,805.00
Harvey Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$25,345.42	\$25,345.42	\$0.00		Equipment for 2013 fire truck	Done	
Hazen Fire Dept	\$16,074.36	\$16,074.36	\$0.00		Replacement of SCBA air bottles	Done	

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Hazen Rural Fire Dept	\$13,547.68	\$13,547.68	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	Committed for replacement rescue truck	1 year	
Hebron Fire Prot Dist	\$13,167.38	\$13,167.38	\$0.00				
Jamestown Rural Fire Dist	\$90,411.85	\$44,999.97	\$45,411.88	\$45,411.88	Purchase a new fire truck and operating expenses	Within the year	
Karlsruhe Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$8,498.58	\$8,498.58	\$0.00	\$8,498.58	Purchased new truck for fire department	Done	
Kenmare Fire Dept	\$11,425.58	\$11,425.58	\$0.00				
Kenmare Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$27,021.29	\$27,021.29	\$0.00	\$4,079.15	Equipment repair and replacement fund	As required	
Kensal Fire District	\$9,685.43	\$9,685.43	\$0.00				
Kramer Fire Prot Dist	\$4,576.74	\$4,576.74	\$0.00				
Lakota Fire Prot Dist	\$14,599.77	\$13,000.00	\$1,599.77	\$1,599.77	Equipment	1 year	
Leeds Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$30,287.00	\$30,287.00	\$0.00				
Lidgerwood Fire Prot Dist	\$23,915.17	\$23,915.27	\$0.00		Training and equipment		
Linton Fire District	\$20,298.35	\$20,298.35	\$0.00				
Maddock Fire District	\$13,330.30	\$19,330.30	\$0.00				
Mandan Fire Dept	\$126,262.07		\$126,262.07	\$126,262.07	Purchase and equip new fire truck	1 year	
Medina City and Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$9,035.65	\$9,035.65	\$0.00				
Minot Fire Dept	\$265,134.28	\$265,134.28	\$0.00				
Minot Fire Prot Dist	\$91,366.18	\$91,366.18	\$0.00		Firefighter wages	\$41,974.00	
Mott Fire Prot Dist	\$28,889.20	\$28,889.20	\$0.00				
Napoleon Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$20,247.96	\$20,247.96	\$0.00				
Neche Fire Prot Dist	\$8,490.29	\$8,490.29	\$0.00				
New Leipzig Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$8,567.18	\$5,950.00	\$2,617.18	\$2,617.18	Equipment and truck replacement	5 years	
Minnewaukan Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$6,576.71	\$478.37					\$6,098.34
Pingree Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$4,533.00	\$3,977.00	\$556.00		New fire hall	9/2014-10/2015	
Plaza Fire Prot Dist	\$16,546.90	\$16,546.90	\$0.00		New slide-in unit	None	

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Portal Rural Fire Dept	\$992.97	\$992.97	\$0.00				
Ray Fire Prot Dist	\$16,376.83	\$16,376.83	\$0.00				
Reeder Fire Dist	\$26,658.21	\$26,658.21			Addition to existing fire hall	None	
Richardton Fire Prot Dist	\$12,890.25	\$12,890.25	\$0.00				
Riverdale Fire Dept	\$5,221.75	\$5,221.75	\$0.00				
Rutland Cayuga Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$13,947.75	\$13,947.75	\$0.00				
Stanley Fire Dept	\$13,037.83	\$7,835.40	\$5,202.43	\$5,202.43	Training, Equipment, Supplies	12/31/2014	\$0.00
Sykeston Fire Prot Dist	\$11,447.00	\$0.00	\$11,447.00	\$11,447.00	Grass unit truck upgrade	Hopefully within 1 year	
Taylor Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$7,747.37	\$3,873.00	\$3,874.37	\$3,874.37	Fire protective suits	6 months	
Tioga Fire Dept	\$13,043.37	\$13,043.37	\$0.00				
Tolna Rural Fire Dist	\$12,860.01	\$12,860.01	\$0.00				
Tower City Rural Fire Prot. Dist.	\$14,347.00	\$0.00	\$14,347.00	\$14,347.00	New Truck	3 years	
Turtle Lake Rural Fire Prot Dist	\$37,463.41	\$37,463.41	\$0.00				\$20,973.47
Tuttle Fire Prot Dist	\$5,762.21	\$5,762.21	\$0.00				
Underwood Fire Prot Dist	\$8,364.75	\$8,364.75	\$0.00				
Valley City Fire Dept	\$36,818.16	\$36,818.16	\$0.00		Recruitment and Retention		
Wahpeton Fire Dept	\$54,164.39	\$54,164.39	\$0.00	\$54,164.39	Dept. Pension/reserve fund	Annually	
Watford City Fire Dept	\$27,609.77	\$27,609.77	\$0.00				
West Dunn Fire Prot Dist	\$13,120.00	\$13,120.00	\$0.00				
West Fargo Fire Dept	\$140,419.00	\$70,209.00	\$70,209.00	\$70,209.00	Truck, equipment replacement	1-4 years	\$0.00
West Fargo Rural Fire Dept	\$88,171.00	\$44,000.00	\$44,171.00	\$44,171.00	Truck, equipment replacement	2-5 years	\$0.00
Westhope Rural Fire Dept	\$14,211.91	\$14,211.91	\$0.00				
Wolford Rural Fire Prot. Dist.	\$5,837.91	\$4,830.00	\$1,007.91	\$1,007.91	Training	Within the year	

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TOTALS:	\$3,159,164.17	\$2,478,114.78	\$671,829.29	\$1,115,815.12			\$65,532.66