

TESTMONY FOR TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 2, 2016

Personal Introduction

Education

Previous experiences

Introduce North Dakota State Fire Marshal Division's Services

Legislate State Fire Codes

Conduct fire inspections of state buildings, schools, bars, day cares, and public assemblies.

Approve plans for new or remodeling of schools

Conduct inspections of above ground fuel storage tanks

Legislate rules and inspect or investigate complaints about fireworks

Conduct inspections of Day Care facilities

Conduct Inspections and review fire protection equipment

Legislate state rules and investigate or inspect storage and handling of explosives

Legislate state rules and inspect or investigate storage and handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gas

Legislate rules and investigate or inspect storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids

Conduct fire investigations

Collect fire department fire reports and civilian and fire service fatality reports.

Prevent fires in the State of North Dakota

Conduct cigarette inspections

Introduce North Dakota State Fire Marshal Division's Findings and Occurrences

From August 2015 to August 2016- Fire Marshal's Division has investigated 107 fires.

14 or 13% of these fires have occurred on tribal property. 28% or 4 fires have been determined accidental, 21% or 3 fires have been incendiary (arson), and 50% or 7 fires have been undetermined; could very easily be incendiary.

The national average for residential incendiary fires is 3.8%, while North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office is seeing 9.8% of residential incendiary fires.

67% of the fires investigated were residential

Vision for the Fire Marshal's Division

Work together with local and tribal authorities to train personnel in fire prevention and investigation technics and procedures

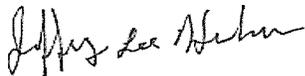
Fire prevention activities include training for building inspections, community awareness of fires, fire investigation processes, and solutions to diminish the threat of fires

Develop Memorandum Of Understandings (MOU) with Tribal, state, and local authorities to form fire investigation task forces.

Questions

Approval to arrange to meet with local and tribal authorities

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Huber".

Jeffrey Huber

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