

**Insurance Commissioner, including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire Departments  
Budget 401  
Senate Bill No. 2010**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2015-17 legislative appropriation (original)	49.50	\$0	\$28,246,346	\$28,246,346
2013-15 legislative appropriation	<u>49.50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,377,090</u>	<u>26,377,090</u>
2015-17 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2013-15 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$1,869,256	\$1,869,256
2015-17 general fund budget allotment (4.05 percent)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Adjusted 2015-17 appropriation after budget allotment	49.50	\$0	\$28,246,346	\$28,246,346

**Item Description**

**General fund budget allotment** - In February 2016 the Governor ordered a 4.05 percent general fund budget allotment for state agencies.

**Insurance tax payments to fire departments** - In Section 2 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2010, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$16,701,207 from the insurance tax distribution fund for payments to North Dakota fire departments in the amount of \$15,681,207 and payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association in the amount of \$1,020,000, of which \$130,000 is one-time funding to create a computerized database for all data pertaining to firefighters. In Section 7 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2016, the Legislative Assembly identified up to \$500,000 of the \$15,681,207 available for payments to North Dakota fire departments was to be made available to the Department of Emergency Services for providing stipends to firefighters participating in approved training. The total appropriation is based on 100 percent of the estimated premium tax collected on fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, commercial multiple peril, and crop hail insurance policies.

**One-time funding** - The Legislative Assembly in Senate Bill No. 2010, provided one-time funding of \$90,000 from the state fire and tornado fund to purchase a new boiler inspection software program and \$130,000 from the insurance tax distribution fund for a grant to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association to create a computerized database for all data pertaining to firefighters.

**Status/Result**

The budget allotment did not reduce the appropriation authority for the Insurance Department because the department did not receive an appropriation from the general fund.

The Insurance Department made the first payment of \$575,000, of which \$130,000 is one-time funding, to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association in August 2015. The department made the first payment of \$7,840,603 to North Dakota fire departments in November 2015. The Insurance Department also made a payment of \$50,000 to the Department of Emergency Services in September 2015 for the purpose of providing stipends to firefighters participating in approved training. No further payments to the Department of Emergency Services are anticipated.

The Insurance Department has spent \$64,770 of the \$90,000 appropriated from the state fire and tornado fund for new boiler inspection software and the project is complete. The department does not plan to spend the remaining \$25,230 from the state fire and tornado fund.

The Insurance Department provided the full grant amount of \$130,000 from the insurance tax distribution fund to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association for a computerized database for all data pertaining to firefighters in August 2015.