

Grand Forks Fire Department

Standard Operating Procedures

SOP# 905.01	Section Fire Prevention	Title Requesting a Fire Marshal
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The Fire Marshals can be called out in support of the suppression crews to assist in the determination of fire origin and cause. A Fire Marshal can be requested by Chief Officers, Captains, those acting in these capacities, and by the on-shift investigators.

The Fire Marshals will be requested to investigate when:

- Fires involve fatalities or injuries, including injuries to firefighters.
- Fires with an associated dollar loss.
- Fires that may have criminal intent.
- Fires in any place of assembly.

Prior to the arrival of the Fire Marshal:

- Secure the scene until the arrival of the Fire Marshal. Do not turn over the scene or allow non-fire department personnel into scene. Maintain the scene with fire or law enforcement personnel dedicated to that scene.

Contacting a Fire Marshal:

- During regular business hours call Central Fire Station and administrative personnel will locate the appropriate Fire Marshal.
- After hours call Central Dispatch and ask for a Fire Marshal to respond to scene.
- The Fire Marshals can be contacted by cell phone, office phone or home phone. They may also be contacted by utilizing the PD to reach them at home.
- The appropriate Fire Marshal will contact the Incident Commander and give an estimated time of arrival at the scene.
- Each shift has an assigned Fire Marshal.

Contact the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Chief if a Fire Marshal cannot be reached or if the fire involves fatalities or injuries, including injuries to firefighters.