

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Public Safety / Fire Safety

HB Section(s): 8.165

Program Name: Fire Inspection

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Fire Safety Core

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

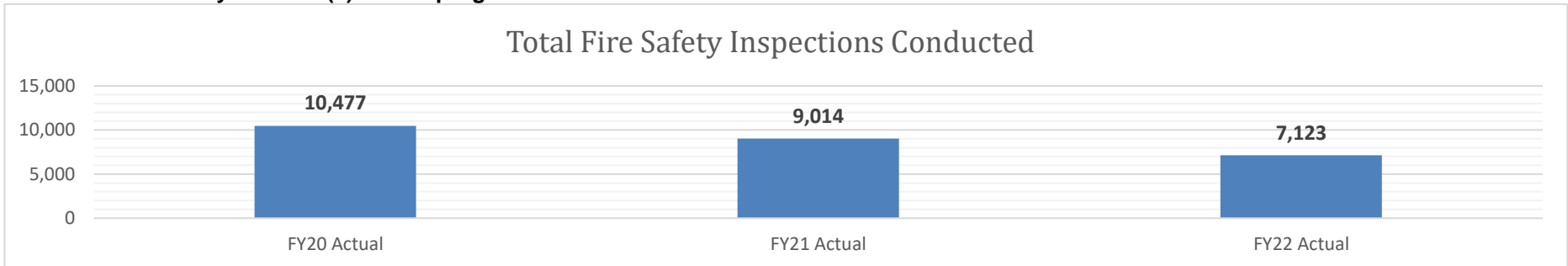
Public safety of the most vulnerable Missouri citizens.

1b. What does this program do?

The Fire Safety Inspection Unit conducts fire safety inspections for facilities and locations which are licensed or certified by several state agencies. Agencies served include the Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Social Services, Senior Citizens Nutrition Centers, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Veteran's Administration. The Inspection Unit is comprised of a Deputy Chief Inspector, two Regional Chief Inspectors, and 15 Fire Safety Inspectors supported by one administrative support assistant.

Inspections conducted by this Unit are based on a variety of state statutes, promulgated rules, and nationally recognized codes and standards. These requirements are designed to reduce and/or eliminate fire safety hazards for more than 87,353 occupants of long term care, child care, mental health, youth-at-risk, and foster care homes and facilities located throughout the state. Fire safety inspections improve fire prevention measures and provide for a safer environment for all occupants.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

In FY22, the Fire Safety Inspection Program conducted 7,123 inspection activities with a re-inspection rate of 30% to ensure safety violations are corrected and ultimate compliance with rules, codes and standards. This improves the safety of occupants and residents.

The Fire Safety Inspection Program utilizes nationally recognized codes such as National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Building and Fire Code to assist with interpretation of various rules and regulations. Division of Fire Safety Inspectors are certified to NFPA 1031, and have additional training in fire protection systems, codes, regulations, and standards.

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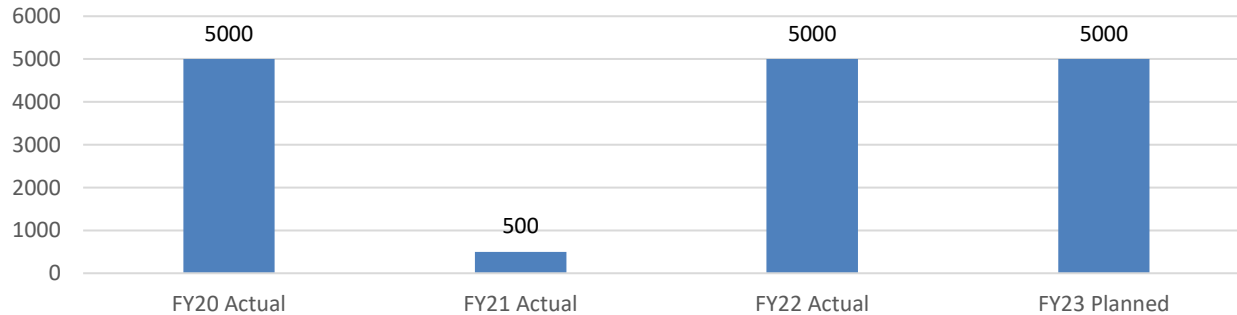
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

FY22 Safety Violations Cited and Corrected in Licensed Facilities - 5,871



Fire Prevention Activities - Est Citizens Reached FY20 & FY21 Decline due to COVID-19



Note: Public Education efforts were limited due to COVID-19. The Division primarily utilized social media for public education and outreach.

2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

One FTE was reduced from this program in FY21. In order to maximize resources and provide the best coverage of all required facilities, 15 field Fire Inspectors are located throughout the State.

Division staff continues to inspect 100% of the state licensed facilities which mandate an annual fire inspection conducted by the State Fire Marshal's Office staff.

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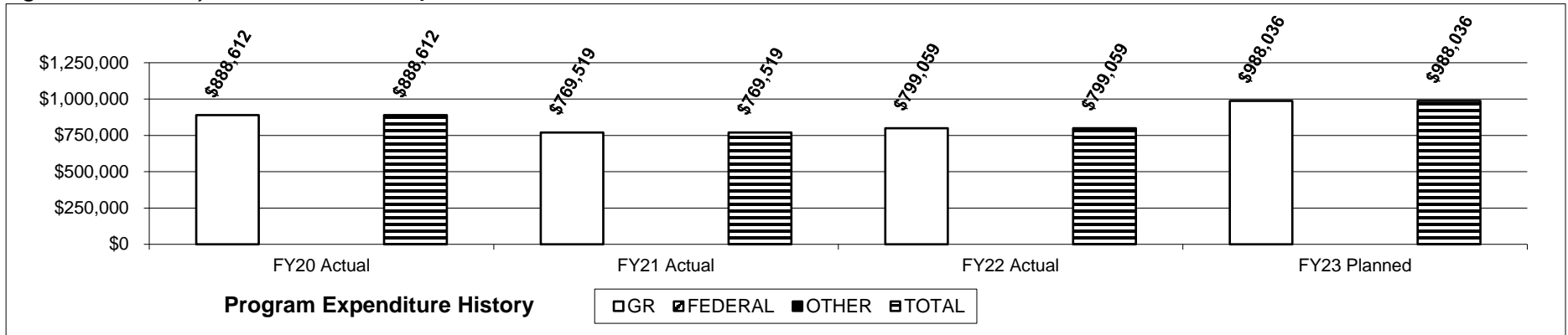
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.) Reduction in FY21 expenditures due to staff turnover.



4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

Not Applicable

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

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6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

No

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No