

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Public Safety / Fire Safety

HB Section(s): 8.165

Program Name: Fireworks Licensing Program

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Public safety while enjoying fireworks.

1b. What does this program do?

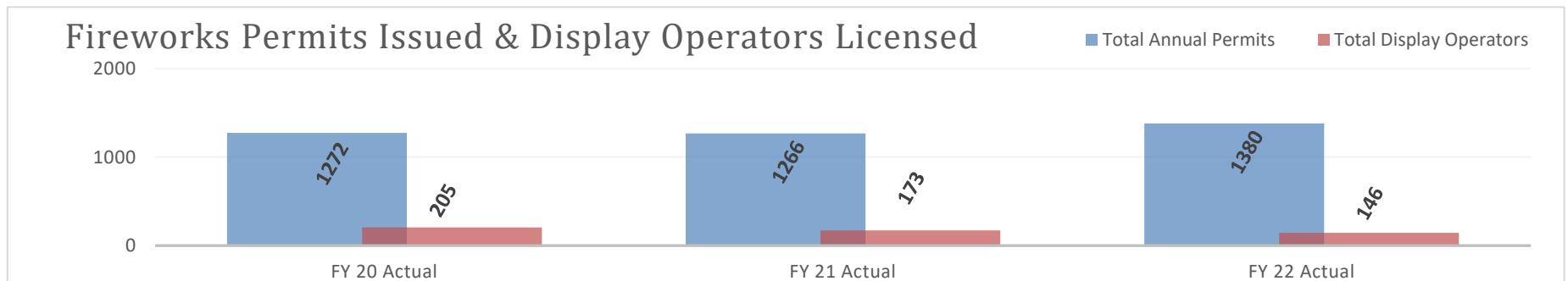
The Division of Fire Safety is charged with the investigation, permitting, and inspection of the fireworks industry in our State. Manufacturers, distributors, jobbers, wholesalers, seasonal retailers, and persons requesting special fireworks displays apply to the Division of Fire Safety for a permit to do business in Missouri. The scope of the program also entails indoor proximate fireworks shows such as those used in theatres, ballgames and concerts.

Fire Inspection and Fire Investigation staff conduct inspections of facilities selling, manufacturing, or distributing fireworks. Of the 1,380 permits issued in 2022, 1,154 were seasonal retailers. According to State law, seasonal retailers can only sell between the dates of June 20 through July 10, and December 20 through January 2. Division staff are trained in the proper procedures for the inspection of public fireworks displays and conduct inspections of these sites before a display is permitted. Division staff also investigate complaints involving the manufacture or sale of illegal fireworks.

This program generates approximately \$160,000 annually which is deposited to the credit of the Fire Education fund (0821) and used for training Missouri's fire service.

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

The Division of Fire Safety works closely with local jurisdictions to ensure 100% of all public fireworks displays are inspected prior to the event to ensure the safety of all spectators. Operators relicense every 3 years.



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

Fire Inspectors and Fire Investigators attend pyrotechnic training specific to NFPA 1123 & 1126 regarding fireworks pyrotechnics, displays, and manufacturing to ensure safety standards are met. Display operators are tested to these NFPA standards prior to being licensed and must relicense every three years. Division Fire Inspectors review display sites to ensure safety requirements are met.

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

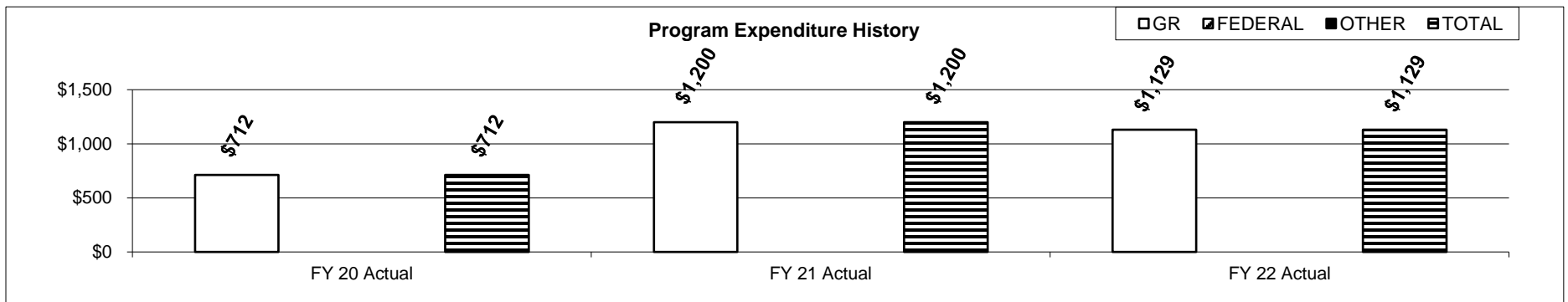
The Fireworks Licensing program issues permits to over 1,300 businesses annually and has licensed 146 indoor and outdoor fireworks display operators. More importantly, the program helps to ensure the safety of our citizens and visitors when enjoying fireworks with friends and family.

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

Because the Division never received personnel or expense funding support to administer this program since the implementation in the 1980's, the Division of Fire Safety cross-trained Fire Inspection and Fire Investigation staff to perform these mandated duties.

Division field Inspectors and Investigators make a concerted effort to inspect the 1,154 seasonal retail locations throughout the State during the 20-day Summer selling period for safety compliance. This is in addition to the public fireworks displays inspected and permitted by Division staff.

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.)*



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

N/A

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