



**STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

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Due to continued budget shortfalls resulting in 20% reductions in employees and declining revenues, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has implemented the following:

- Up to 72 hours for an Agent to respond to fatality, critical injury and arson investigation requests. All other fire investigation requests upon availability of an Agent.
- Up to 6 weeks for an Agent to respond to code assistance inspection requests to include daycares, assisted living centers, construction projects, etc.
- On-site building consultation requests upon availability of an Agent.
- Up to 5 months for building, sprinkler and alarm plan reviews which will result in construction project delays.
- Up to 7 days to return telephone and email messages by building department personnel. No walk-in consultations without an appointment. No exceptions.
- Limited deployment of the Agency's communications trailer "Windtalker" to assist communities with natural and/or man-made disasters.
- Additional employee furloughs and/or reductions-in-force will occur with deeper budget reductions below current funding.