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# Bill Summary

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## **Overview**

This bill appropriates money from the fire safety account in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for a variety of fire safety purposes. The fire safety account is funded by a fire safety surcharge on homeowners insurance policies.

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- Authorized programs within department. Requires that any balance remaining in the fire safety account after the first year of the biennium must be appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the purposes specified in law.
- **Fire safety account; appropriations.** (a) Appropriates \$13,100,000 in FY 2016 and \$13,100,000 in FY 2017 from the fire safety account to the commissioner of public safety. Of this amount:
  - (1) \$5,970,000 each year is to fund the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education;
  - (2) \$5,287,000 each year is to fund the state fire marshal division;
  - (3) \$1,200,000 each year is to fund Minnesota Task Force 1;
  - (4) \$1,309,000 each year is transferred to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management division; and
  - (5) \$190,000 each year is to fund the Minnesota Air Rescue Team (MART).

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- (b) Provides a onetime appropriation of \$75,000 in FY 2016 and \$75,000 in FY 2017 to the Board of Firefighter Training and Education.
- (c) Provides a onetime appropriation of \$1,328,000 in FY 2016 to the Board of Firefighter Training and Education.
- (d) Provides a onetime appropriation of \$600,000 in FY 2016 to the state fire marshal.
- (e) Provides a onetime appropriation of \$1,000,000 in FY 2016 to Minnesota Task Force 1.
- (f) Provides a onetime appropriation of \$100,000 in FY 2016 to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management division.