

12-13-107. Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police -- Duties generally.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police and his or her officers and deputies to enforce all laws and ordinances with regard to the following:

- (1) The prevention of fires;
- (2) The storage, sale, and use of combustibles and explosives;
- (3) The installation and maintenance of automatic or other fire alarm systems and fire extinguishing equipment;
- (4) The construction, maintenance, and regulation of fire escapes;
- (5) The means and adequacy of exits in case of fire from factories, asylums, hospitals, churches, schools, halls, theaters, and all other places in which numbers of people work, live, or congregate from time to time, for any purpose; and
- (6) The suppression of arson and the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires.

(b) The director is empowered to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the effective administration of this subchapter to accomplish its intent and purposes, and to safeguard the public from fire hazards.

(c) The director shall make reasonable regulations for the keeping, storing, using, manufacture, selling, handling, transportation, or other disposition of highly inflammable materials and rubbish, gunpowder, dynamite, crude petroleum or any of its products, explosives or compounds or any other explosive, including fireworks, and firecrackers, and he or she may prescribe the materials and construction of receptacles and buildings to be used for any of those purposes.

(d) Nothing in this subchapter shall apply to the inspection of boilers, § 20-23-101 et seq., the administration and enforcement of which is now vested in the Department of Labor.