North Carolina Department of Insurance Notification of Application for Grant Funds/Awards, 2009-10

<u>Grant Process</u>: These grants are applied in May 2009 and approved/received from NCAIA (North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents, INC.). Check/s for the approved grants is/are deposited into a Special Revenue Budget Code 23903(Non Interest Bearing). Budgets were established by 606 # 11-0002 and approved by OSBM effective 09/30/09. Grant application requires Agency to report (upon completion of grant) to NCAIA by a presentation to the NCAIA committee.

Pocket Tool Training -- \$5.860.00 -- Fund 2362 - Larry Hughes

Office of State Fire Marshal's Research and Program Development section understands that it is imperative to provide new and inventive ways to train and improve the safety of personnel in the Fire and Rescue Community. Pocket Tools Web based training offers fire and rescue departments various accessible and straightforward training opportunities in short engaging and interactive 5 minutes segments as well as clear, viewable training and safety videos. Training opportunities include: downloadable video segments of basic and advanced skill, photographs of the various skill sets used in actual emergencies. PowerPoint programs, and advanced safety programs such as the IAFCS Responding to Ethanol emergencies video, NC highway emergency response, and the NCRRS Water shuttle video.

NC State Fair Exhibit -- \$49,000.00 -- Fund 2360 - Kristin Milam

Funds will be used to fund the NCDOI State Fair exhibits for 2009 (and the future). The exhibits will provide insurance-related information and life-safety and fire prevention information. Both exhibits will educate the public and fall within the Charter. The exhibits will provide informational brochures and promotional items that include the NC DOI's statewide toll free consumer hotline and contact information. It will also provide educational brochures about the Department's Healthcare Review program and the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). The exhibits will also focus on increasing awareness of car seat and child passenger safety, pedestrian safety, fire and burn prevention and safety, bike and helmet safety, NC seatbelt laws and more.

Insurance Fraud Investigations -- \$15,000.00 - Fund 2361 - Al Koehler

Criminal Investigations division of the NCDOI is committed to our mission of maintaining order in North Carolina Insurance market by reducing FRAUD. We are committed to supporting an environment conducive with a competitive economic marketplace-as it relates to the Insurance Industry-while ensuring consumer protection for all NC citizens. As part of our criminal investigations duties, we often perform undercover and other surreptitious investigations to catch criminal elements in the act of committing fraud. Funds will be used to purchase audio / video surveillance and presentation equipment. We will be using this equipment to perform surreptitious investigations involving fraud. Furthermore, we will be using this equipment to prepare surveillance evidence for court.