

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Executive Order 19-16; Rescinding Executive Order 88-10

#### Continuing the Governor's Council on Fire Prevention and Control

I, **Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

It is vital for state government to encourage the development of the best possible fire education, protection, and prevention services for Minnesotans.

Achieving this goal requires a concerted effort at the state, federal, and local level to improve and develop services.

A complex array of agencies and organizations deliver fire education, protection, and prevention services in Minnesota, and no single entity is responsible for coordinating their delivery.

For these reasons, I order that:

1. The Governor's Council on Fire Prevention and Control ("Council") continue to improve the coordination, quantity, and quality of these services.
2. The Council will consist of fourteen members, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
3. Members will include:
  - a. Individuals employed in fire prevention and control occupations
  - b. Individuals engaged in teaching fire prevention and control
  - c. Representatives of state and municipal government units
  - d. Representatives of other organizations actively involved in fire prevention and control

4. The following individuals or their designees will serve as *ex officio*, non-voting members:
  - a. The Director of Forestry, Department of Natural Resources
  - b. The State Building Code Director, Department of Labor and Industry
  - c. The Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety
  - d. The State Fire Marshall, Department of Public Safety
5. Membership terms, removal of members, compensation of members, and filling vacancies will be in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 15.0593.
6. The Council will advise the Governor, the Commissioner of Public Safety, state agencies, and political subdivisions on:
  - a. The development, administration, and scope of fire protection research, and fire prevention and control.
  - b. The needs of Minnesota fire suppression and control services.
  - c. The development and provision of coordinated education and training programs for Minnesota's fire suppression and control services and the general public.
7. The Council, in performing its duties, will receive assistance from state agencies, as appropriate.
8. The Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Council, will serve as Minnesota's principal liaison to the United States Fire Administration for purposes of:
  - a. Applying for and receiving of federal funds issued by the United States Fire Administration.
  - b. Facilitating communication with that agency.
9. The Commissioner of Public Safety, on behalf of the Council, will disburse federal and private funds in accordance with state law except where federal laws, rules, or regulations supersede state law.
10. This Order will not preclude other state agencies from applying for, receiving, accepting, and expending funds available through the United States Fire Administration if they are so authorized under state or federal law.
11. The Department of Public Safety will provide staffing and administrative support to the Council.

12. Executive Order 88-10 is rescinded.

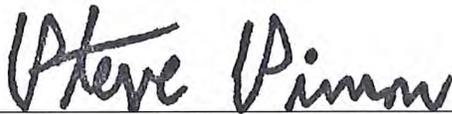
This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

Signed on April 1, 2019.



**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Filed According to Law:



**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

