

## Georgia Begins Prison Camp Investigations

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ATLANTA (UPI) - A team of inspectors from the State Fire Marshal's office has begun an investigation into possible fire hazards at Georgia prison camps.

State Comp. Gen. James L. Bentley Jr., who also serves as fire commissioner, said Tuesday the investigation was requested by the [as printed] State Corrections Department after a legislative committee showed several state work camps to be firetraps.

Bentley said the tragic fire that killed 37 inmates this week at a Florida work camp emphasized the "urgency" of the investigation.

The fire marshal's staff was sent to the field Tuesday morning and the comptroller general said he expected them to inspect eight or 12 camps Tuesday.

He said the investigation would receive a report includ- [broken wording as printed] and the Corrections Department would receive a report including a list of deficiencies, suggestions for improvement and other recommendations for a permanent fire safety program in the state prison system.

Bentley said his office would simply make recommendations and it would be up to the Corrections Department to take action.