

U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATIONS

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) plays a vital role at the national level as the primary representative of the fire and emergency services in the federal government. USFA ensures that the fire service is prepared to respond to all hazards. USFA is the lead federal agency for fire data collection, public fire education, fire research, and fire service training.

Background

As more responsibility for emergency response is moved to the state and local levels, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) is a critical partner in ensuring that states and localities are prepared to respond to all hazards.

Each year, USFA, through the National Fire Academy (NFA), provides instruction to fire service leaders so they can effectively manage their resources and prepare for future threats. It also trains fire and EMS chiefs to lead incident command during major disasters or emergency incidents.

USFA also leads fire service data collection via the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) system. This system provides real-time information to federal decision-makers, state officials, and local fire chiefs about incidents as they occur in the nation.

Ask



Provide \$76 million for the USFA in FY2027.

Talking Points

► Return on Investment

Every dollar invested in fire prevention and training helps lead to avoided damages and lives saved. Proactive investment in the USFA can help reduce long-term costs of disaster response, medical care, and infrastructure repair.

► Addressing the Fire Problem in America

It is in the federal government's best interests to ensure communities are prepared to respond to disasters.

Each year, fires kill more than 3,000 people, injure tens of thousands, and cause billions in property damage. USFA plays a critical role in reducing this fire burden through national leadership in prevention, data collection, firefighter training, and public education—helping communities prevent fires before they start and respond more effectively when they do.

► Protecting Local Economies

USFA trains local fire department leaders to enhance emergency response in their communities, strengthening public safety and protecting local businesses. It also supports community risk reduction efforts to prevent emergencies before they happen.

► Firefighter Health & Safety

USFA's training, data, and research initiatives enhance fire service response, improve firefighter safety on the job, and advance health and wellness practices.

