



# U.S. Fire Administration

Department of Homeland Security / Federal Emergency Management Agency



# USFA Background

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## 1974 - National Fire Prevention and Control Administration

- Result of “America Burning”
- Manages Federal Firefighting Programs
  - Reduce nation’s loss of life from fire
  - Reduce property loss from fire
  - Reduce injury due to fire

# USFA Mission

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Provide National leadership to foster a solid foundation for our fire and emergency services stakeholders in prevention, preparedness and response through:

- ★ Incident Statistics
- ★ Public Fire Education
- ★ Training
- ★ Grants & Funding (AFG & SAFER)
- ★ Emergency Response Support

# National Emergency Training Center

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- Established in 1979
- Currently Provides
  - USFA Operations
  - National Fire Academy
  - National Fire Programs
  - FEMA/Emergency Management Institute
  - National Fallen Firefighter Memorial
- Has 422 dorm rooms, 21 classrooms, exercise simulators, cafeteria, gym, pool, Learning Resource Center, serves as FEMA Surge Capacity facility



# 2009 Grand Challenges

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- ✓ Provide hazard and disaster information where and when it is needed
  - Statistical and data collection
  - Intelligence & Information Sharing Networks
- ✓ Understand the natural processes that produce hazards
  - Serve on multiple interagency groups
  - House a Wildland Firefighting Simulator
- ✓ Develop hazard mitigation strategies and technologies
  - Representation on various committees and groups
  - Full time USFA representative at NIFC

# 2009 Grand Challenges

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- ✓ Reduce the vulnerability of infrastructure
  - Developed WUI-FAC publications
  - Developed WUI-FAC-Fire Code curriculum
- ✓ Assess disaster resilience
  - Represented on Ready-Set-Go program
  - Support Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)
- ✓ Promote risk-wise behavior
  - Represented on WUI, FAC, Cohesive Strategy, Health & Safety, Training (campus-field-distant)
  - Support development of IMTs for All Hazards

# Existing Coordination

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## Information Accessibility

- EMR-ISAC and HSIN-Emergency Services
- USFA Website-Twitter-Facebook
- Newsletters/Training Curriculum

## Coordination/Collaboration

- NWCG...training, resource coordination
- WUI-FAC...collaboration
- IMT...technical assistance & development guidance



# Existing Coordination

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## Application & Integration

### ❖ Training

- Command & Control
- Incident Management
- Exercise Simulation
- Multiagency Interface

### ❖ Partnerships

- Professional Organizations
- Non-Government Organizations
- State Training Systems
- Fire & Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE)

### ❖ External Communications

- Periodic Publications



# Enhancements/Improvements

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## Access to Relevant Science

- Support risk management, tactical decision making, firefighting technology
- Use information sharing networks, social media, etc.
- Incorporate findings in training curriculum
  - Campus
  - Field
  - Learning Management System (distance learning)

# Coordination Mechanisms

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## Existing Coordination Mechanisms

- Periodic and as needed publications
  - EMR-ISAC InfoGram
  - HSIN-ES
  - Daily Operations Briefings
- Curriculum Updates
- Training Delivery Systems
  - Campus
  - Field
  - LMS (S-130, S-190, S-260, Wildfire Simulator)

# Application - Integration

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## Preparing For...

- Continued support of various initiatives
  - Wildland Urban Interface
  - Fire Adapted Communities
  - DHS S&T Wildland Firefighter Advanced Personal Protection System
  - Wildland Training & Working Group Support
  - DHS & FEMA Grant Support

# Application - Integration

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## Responding To...

- Co-Coordinating ESF4-Firefighting
- Development & Sustainment of Type 3 AHIMT's
- Contingencies to Surge First Responders
- Sustain Training Through NFA, EMI, and NWCG

# Application - Integration

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## Recovery From...

- Supporting AAR, Lessons Learned, Investigations
- Provide Guidance on Mitigation Grants
  - Fire Prevention & Safety Grants (part of AFG)
  - Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning & Project Grants
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (part of Stafford Act)
- Participate in Work Groups
  - NWCG, FEC, FFPC, WFEC, FMB, NMAC, FAC, DHS S&T, NIST, WUI



# FEMA-U.S. Fire Administration



Preparing for...Responding to...Recovering from...All Hazards

