USFA Background

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

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

• 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

- 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

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

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

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

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