The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) is a reporting standard that fire departments use to uniformly report on the full range of their activities, from fire to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to severe weather and natural disasters.

**NFIRS FACTS:**

- World’s largest national database of fire incident information.
- The NFIRS database comprises about 75 percent of all reported fires that occur annually.
- Every U.S. state, the District of Columbia and several Native American Tribal Authority fire departments report NFIRS data.
- The Department of Defense participates in NFIRS.
- Participation in NFIRS is voluntary.
- 24,112 fire departments reported in NFIRS in 2018.
- Participating fire departments reported about 28.4 million incidents, including 1.2 million fires in 2018.
- Thirty-eight fire departments with a protected population of over 500,000 participate in NFIRS.

**BENEFITS OF NFIRS**

Fire departments can use NFIRS to track and manage apparatus, personnel and casualty information, document the full range of department activity, and justify budgets with a summary and statistical data.

Fire departments can use NFIRS data to focus on current community challenges, predict future issues and measure program performance.

The modular design of NFIRS makes the system easy to use because it captures only the data required to describe an incident.

By contributing to NFIRS, fire departments help the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to:

- Analyze the severity and reach of the nation’s fire problem.
- Use NFIRS information to develop national public education campaigns.
- Make recommendations for national codes and standards.
- Determine consumer product failures.
- Identify the focus for research efforts.
- Support federal legislation.

**HOW NFIRS WORKS**

After responding to an incident, a fire department completes the appropriate NFIRS modules. Each module collects a common set of information that describes the nature of the call, the actions firefighters took in response to the call, and the end results, including firefighter and civilian casualties and a property loss estimate.

The fire department submits its all-incident data to the state, tribal or territorial agency responsible for NFIRS data. The agency gathers data from all its participating departments and reports the compiled data to The USFA. The fire department can also submit their data directly to the USFA’s NFIRS National Database through import tools designed specifically for this process.

**WHEN CAN MY DEPARTMENT BEGIN REPORTING?**

Contact your state NFIRS program manager at usfa.fema.gov/pocs or the NFIRS Help Desk to learn more about NFIRS at apps.usfa.fema.gov/contact/ntsc.