
National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

321.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 authorizes the National Fire Data Center in the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to gather and analyze information on the magnitude of the nation's fire problem, as well as its detailed characteristics and trends. To do so, the National Fire Data Center has established the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance regarding NFIRS reporting to ensure district response information is properly reported to NFIRS.

321.2 POLICY

The Blue Ridge Fire District is committed to improving fire reporting and analysis capability both locally and on the national level. Therefore, it is the policy of the Blue Ridge Fire District to participate in NFIRS and any reporting requirement instituted by the Arizona Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

321.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Fire Chief should designate an NFIRS coordinator, who should develop and maintain familiarity with NFIRS resources and reporting requirements and ensure district information is compliant with the NFIRS reporting format and that the information is forwarded to the OSFM if required.

The USFA has developed a standard NFIRS package that includes incident and casualty forms, a coding structure for data processing, manuals, computer software and procedures, documentation and a National Fire Academy training course for utilizing the system.