



## United States Fire Administration (USFA) Appropriations

- **Request: please provide the following FY 2025 funds to USFA:**
  - \$65.114 million in USFA base budget funding
  - \$7 million for IT upgrades
  - \$4.5 million for roof replacement
  - \$2 million in Procurement, Construction, and Improvements (PC&I) funding and \$5 million in Federal Assistance funding (FA) for the new National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)
  - \$1.529 million in FA funding for the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) system redesign.

- **What is USFA?**

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) is the primary representative of the fire service in the federal government and ensures that it is prepared to respond to all hazards. USFA provides training to more than 100,000 fire and emergency services personnel each year. USFA also performs research and collects data specific to the fire service and fire service activities and educates the public on the importance of fire safety. The long-term health of USFA and its National Fire Academy (NFA) are critical to the fire service.

- **Why is USFA important?**

Access to training is a significant problem in the volunteer fire service. USFA delivers training directly to individuals through NFA and remotely through online course offerings. It also makes course offerings available to state fire training academies, which are able to deliver services in rural areas typically served by volunteer agencies. Additionally, USFA collects important data and conducts research to reduce the threat of fire and other dangers in local communities. Furthermore, USFA's outreach and educational materials help to ensure the safety of both first responders and communities they protect.

- **Why strong funding for USFA is needed?**

The USFA is looking to make reforms that will improve the efficiency of the fire service. This requires additional appropriations to upgrade the NFIRS, the USFA's fire data system, and to facilitate the role-out of their new NERIS system. The USFA also plans to update the NFA's curricula to prepare for new and emerging threats and make needed repairs to buildings on the NFA's campus. Providing \$65.114 million for USFA's base budget and the additional funding requested above would allow the USFA to carry out these improvements.