



United States Fire Administration (USFA) Appropriations

Request: Please provide \$75 million in FY 2027 funds to USFA.

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 via the National Fire Academy (NFA) 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 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. Trainers are in short supply in rural areas, and smaller fire departments often are not able to do a lot of specialized training in-house. The NFA 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.