

Fire in the United States Now Available from USFA

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WASHINGTON D.C. - Gregory Cade, FEMA Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), announced today the availability of the latest edition of Fire in the United States. This fourteenth edition of Fire in the United States covers the 10-year period from 1995 to 2004 and focuses on the national fire problem and provides as well an overview of the fire problem in structures, vehicles and other mobile properties, and outside and other properties. The purpose of the report is to aid the fire service, media, and general public with fire loss information that can be used to set priorities, establish and evaluate specific fire programs, and serve as a guide for fire data analyses at the State and local levels.

“It is a sad reality that fire deaths and injuries occur everyday in this great nation,” said U.S. Fire Administrator Cade. “As a fire service leader, I understand and appreciate the value of fire data provided by the fire service community and other organizations. With the compilation of this data into the Fire in the United States report, we can examine the fire problem and use it to our advantage to aid in reducing the tragic deaths and injuries related to fires.”

This edition of Fire in the United States is organized differently from previous editions. The report presents a summary of the national fire problem in terms of losses for structures, vehicle and other mobile properties, and outside and other properties. Detailed analyses of the residential and non-residential structure fire problems will be published as stand-alone reports. Data on firefighter casualties are now published in two separate documents: the annual Firefighter Fatalities in the United States report and a new report, Fire-related Firefighter Injuries in 2004, to be released at a later date.

The USFA publishes Fire in the United States - a running 10-year statistical overview of fires in the United States, focusing on the latest year in which data were available at the time of preparation. The primary source of data is the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), along with data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), State Fire Marshals' offices, U.S. Census Bureau, and the Consumer Price Index.

The Fire in the United States report can be accessed through the USFA Web site at www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-311.pdf (PDF, 4.1 Mb).

Printed publications are expected to be available at a later date.



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