



United States Fire Administration

- In 1971, America's major fire service organizations met to assess the nation's staggering number of fires and fire casualties. What they found was so alarming that President Nixon appointed a National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control in 1972. After a year of extensive research, this commission issued a report called "America Burning," that outlined for the first time, the tragic severity of our Nation's fire problem. The findings of the Commission led to Congress passing P.L. 93-498, the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act, in 1974. The act established the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration, now the United States Fire Administration (USFA) and its National Fire Academy (NFA).
- The United States Fire Administration, a directorate within the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is the national leader in fire safety and prevention, supporting the efforts of local communities to reduce the number of fires and fire deaths.
- As an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the mission of the United States Fire Administration is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination and support. We serve the Nation independently, in conjunction with other Federal agencies, and in partnership with fire protection and emergency service communities. With a commitment to excellence, we provide public education, training, technology and data initiatives.
- America's fire death rate is one of the highest per capita in the industrialized world. Fire kills over 4,000 and injures more than 23,000 people each year. Firefighters pay a high price for this terrible fire record as well; approximately 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year. Direct property loss due to fire exceed \$8.5 billion a year.
- America's fire losses today represent a dramatic improvement from more than 20 years ago. In 1971, America lost more than 12,000 citizens and 250 firefighters to fire. Since that time, through data collection, public education, research and training efforts, USFA has helped reduce fire deaths by at least half – making our communities and our citizens safer.

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