



*U.S. Fire Administration*

# If You Respond to Fire on Federal Property

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**FEMA**

# THEN YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT

## HELP IS ON THE WAY

Has your department been called to fight fire on property owned by the United States Government? If so, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may be able to help you obtain reimbursement for costs above and beyond your department's ordinary operating expenses.

To ease the financial burden on local fire departments for fire suppression on federally owned property, Congress has authorized FEMA to review and approve requests for reimbursement.

Your department may qualify for compensation of direct expenses over and above normal operating costs including:

- ◆ overtime pay,
- ◆ pay for specially hired personnel,
- ◆ additional fuel expenses,
- ◆ food expenses, and
- ◆ loss or damage of equipment.

## Here's what your application must include

Applications for reimbursement must be submitted within 90 days of the incident and include the following:

- ◆ Incident/Fire Report,
- ◆ Proof of federal ownership of property where fire occurred,
- ◆ Information on mutual-aid agreements with any Federal Agency,
- ◆ A list of any money or grants the Federal Government has paid the claimant.

Claims may be sent to the Reimbursement Program for Firefighting on Federal Property c/o U.S. Fire Administration, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Building G, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

**Remember:** no claims submitted after 90 days will be processed.

# You may qualify for **reimbursement** if the answers to these two questions is **Yes . . .**

- ① Are you submitting a claim on behalf of a public or private fire department with career and/or volunteer firefighters?

YES

NO

- ② Is the property involved real property owned by the United States Government?

YES

NO

## ...And the answers to these two questions is **No.**

- ① Does your department receive reimbursement in any other form for fire protection and suppression on Federally-owned property?

YES

NO

- ② Does your claim include operating costs such as normal maintenance, depreciation, ordinary salaries, and administrative costs?

YES

NO

Additional questions may be directed to:  
Federal Property Firefighting Program

**1-800-238-3358**

Extension **1358**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**U.S. Fire Administration**  
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