



general governmental unit within any State.

*President's Award* means the President's Award for Outstanding Public Safety Service, presented by the President of the United States to public safety officers for extraordinary valor in the line of duty or for outstanding contributions to public safety.

*Public safety officer* means a person serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter, a civil defense officer (or member of a recognized civil defense or emergency preparedness organization), or a law enforcement officer, including a corrections or court officer.

*State* means any State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and any other territory or possession of the United States.

**§ 150.3 Nomination process.**

(a) The Nominating Officials nominating Firefighters and Civil Defense Officers shall submit their nominations for the President's Award or Distinguished Public Safety Service Award to the Executive Secretary, Joint Public Safety Awards Board, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Copies of all nominations shall also be forwarded, depending on the category of the nominee, as follows:

(1) *Firefighter*:

FEMA, Attention: Superintendent, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

(2) *Civil defense officer (or member of a recognized civil defense or emergency preparedness organization)*:

FEMA, Attention: Superintendent, Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

(b) The Nominating Officials nominating law enforcement, corrections or court officers shall submit their nominations for the President's Award or Distinguished Public Safety Service Awards to: Assistant Attorney General for Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.

(c) All nominations shall be submitted in writing in accordance with

the requirements prescribed in this section and § 150.4 at the earliest practicable date after the performance of the act or acts for which the nomination is made. Nominations for each year shall be made before November 15; any received thereafter will be considered as having been made for the following year. However, for the year 1983, nominations may be made by February 28, 1985.

(d) Nominations for the President's Award or the Distinguished Public Safety Service Award should include the name of the candidate, his/her position, title and address, and public agency served, the locale where the candidate performs his/her duties, the name, address and telephone number of the nominating official, a summary describing the outstanding contribution, distinguished service or extraordinary valor, and the dates relating thereto. The description should be sufficiently concise and specific to justify the request for recognition of the public safety officer through the presentation of either of the awards. Copies of any published factual accounts of the nominee's accomplishment should also be attached when available.

(e) An annual invitation shall be issued by the Joint Board for nominations for the President's Award and, on behalf of the Attorney General and the Director of FEMA, for the Distinguished Public Safety Service Award. The invitation shall be issued by letter or by notice in appropriate publications of interest to the public safety community. However, nominating officials need not wait for such invitation but may nominate at the most appropriate time in accordance with the other provisions of this part. Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under Control No. 3067-0150.

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**§ 150.4 Nomination and selection criteria.**

(a) Nominations for the President's Award of the Distinguished Public Safety Service Award shall be made on the basis of, and in conformity with, the following uniform criteria.

(1) *President's Award*. Documentation accompanying the nomination for this

Award must indicate not only that the nominee unquestionably meets the standards established for the Distinguished Public Safety Service Award (see paragraph (a)(2) of this section), but also deserves greater public recognition because he/she has demonstrated unique qualities of courage, imagination or ability, which have resulted in outstanding contributions to the public safety.

(2) *Distinguished Public Safety Service Award*. Nomination for this award shall clearly show that the public safety officer's qualifying service or act is marked by courage, imagination or ability or has resulted in a significant contribution to the public safety accomplished through an originality of effort which far exceeds the expected quality of performance of the normal duties assigned to the nominee.

(b) A nomination shall specify whether it is being submitted for the President's Award or the Distinguished Public Safety Award.

**§ 150.5 Joint Public Safety Awards Board.**

(a) A Joint Public Safety Awards Board (Joint Board) is hereby established to fulfill the responsibilities of the Director of FEMA and the Attorney General by administering the process of nomination for the President's Award and by participating in the selection process with the Executive Office of the President. The Joint Board shall consist of ten representatives who are Federal employees and are of appropriate rank (at or equivalent to Grades GM-14 or above). Five persons shall be named by and represent the Director of FEMA, and five persons shall be named by and represent the Attorney General. The representatives serving on the Joint Board shall select one of their number to act as the chairperson.

(b) Representatives on the Joint Board shall serve in addition to their regular duties and without additional compensation. Consistent with the requirements of this part, the members of the Joint Board shall establish the procedures by which the selections for the President's Award shall be made to assure the timely presentation of these awards.

(c) A National Emergency Center employee shall act as Secretary of the Joint Board. Executive Secretary shall perform functions as are appropriate Board's responsibilities, including receipt of all nominations and communication of nomination information for the purpose of receiving thereon, from members of safety community pursuant to § 150.3(e). The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Associate Training and Fire Programs

(d) The Joint Board shall nominate for the President's Award and shall recommend to the FEMA, and the Attorney General, one or more nominees for February 1 of each year, the names determined by it to meet the criteria for the President's Award. The President's Award, together with reasons therefor, shall be recommended to the President and the Attorney General by the Joint Board. The reasons therefor. Recommendations shall be submitted before March 29, 1985.

(e) The Joint Board may request persons representing a cross section of the national public safety community to submit comments upon nomination to the Board for the President's Award. Both the request for comments and the comments themselves shall be in writing.

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**§ 150.6 Design and proci awards.**

(a) The Joint Board shall recommend to the Department of Justice and the Executive Office of the President in regard to the design and medal for the President's Award for the President's Award in accordance with applicable regulations.

(b) Insofar as practicable, for Distinguished Public Safety Awards of FEMA and the Department of Justice shall be coordinated distinctly different to avoid confusion of the various public safety awards.

### § 150.7 Selection process.

(a) *President's Award.* Nominations for the President's Award shall be reviewed, and winners selected by the President (or his designee) in accordance with the requirements of §150.3, the criteria in §150.4(a)(1), and the procedures of §150.5.

(b) *Distinguished Public Safety Service Award.* Upon receipt of nominations for this Award, the Director of FEMA or the Attorney General shall cause an evaluation and selection of the nominees to be made in accordance with the requirements of §150.3 and the criteria prescribed in §150.4(a)(2). In reviewing nominations, the Attorney General or the Director of FEMA may request that persons representing the relevant segment of the national public safety community comment upon the nomination and accompanying documentation. Both the request for comments and the comments themselves shall be made in writing.

(c) Individuals nominated for the President's Award who are considered not to meet the criteria for the Award by the Joint Board or who are not recommended to or selected by the President shall be automatically considered by the appropriate authority for nomination for the Distinguished Public Safety Service Award.

(d) Individuals nominated for the Distinguished Public Safety Service Award may be considered by the Joint Board for the President's Award if the Director of FEMA or the Attorney General determines that consideration for the President's Award is merited.

### § 150.8 Presentation of awards.

(a) Presentation of the President's Award shall be made at such time, place and circumstances as the Executive Office of the President directs. There shall not be more than twelve President's Awards given out during any calendar year.

(b) Presentation of the Distinguished Public Safety Service Award shall be made by the Attorney General or the Director of FEMA or a designee at such time, place and circumstances as the Director of FEMA or the Attorney General determines. There is no limit on the number of these awards made during any calendar year.

### § 150.9 Funding.

(a) *President's Award.* The costs involved in designing and striking the medal to be presented in conjunction with the President's Award shall be prorated among the agencies concerned. The cost of producing the medal and printing the certificate shall be borne by FEMA if the recipient is a firefighter or a civil defense officer. If the award recipient is a law enforcement officer, then such cost shall be borne by the Department of Justice.

(b) *Distinguished Public Safety Service Award.* All expenses in connection with this Award shall be borne by the appropriate Agency.

### § 150.10 Date of submission of nominations.

Nominations may only be submitted for acts, services, or contributions occurring within two years preceding the November 15 cut-off date described in §150.3(c) of this part. However, nominations submitted prior to the February 28, 1985 cut-off date may be made for acts, services or contributions occurring on or after October 29, 1972 (two years before the effective date of the Act).

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## PART 151—REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS OF FIREFIGHTING ON FEDERAL PROPERTY

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### Subpart A—Purpose, Scope, Definitions

#### § 151.01 Purpose.

Section 11 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, provides that "each fire service that engages in the fighting of a fire on property which is under the jurisdiction of the United States may file a claim with the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the amount of direct expenses and direct losses incurred by such fire service as a result of fighting such fire." This part implements section 11 of the Act and governs the submission, determination, and appeal of claims under section 11.

#### § 151.02 Scope.

Fire services, in any State, may file claims for reimbursement under section 11 and this part for the direct expenses and losses which are additional firefighting costs over and above normal operating costs incurred while fighting a fire on property which is under the jurisdiction of the United States. Section 11 requires that certain payments be deducted from those costs and that the Treasury Department will ordinarily pay the amount resulting from the application of that formula. Where the United States has entered into a contract (which is not a mutual aid agreement, defined in §151.03) for the provision of fire protection, and it is the intent of the parties that reimbursement under section 11 is unavailable, this intent will normally govern. Where a mutual aid agreement is in effect between the claimant and an agency of the United States for the property upon which the fire occurred, reimbursement will be available in otherwise proper situations. However, any payments (including the value of services) rendered under the agreement (or during the term of the agreement (or the Federal fiscal year in which the fire occurred, if no term is discernible)

shall be deducted from the claimed, pursuant to §151.12.

#### § 151.03 Definitions.

(a) *The Act* means the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.).

(b) *Additional firefighting cost* and *above normal operating cost* reasonable and authorized (or by a responsible Federal official) of firefighting as performed by a fire service. Such costs would arise out of response of personnel to the site of the fire and rescue, exposure protection, containment, ventilation, salvage, extinguishment, overhaul, and other operations. This would also include costs incurred with emergency medical services to the extent normally rendered by a fire service in connection with firefighting. Not included are administrative costs of employee benefits, insurance, disability, death, litigation, health care, and the costs associated with processing claims under the Act and this part.

(c) *Director* means the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency or his/her designee.

(d) *Claimant* means a fire service defined in paragraph (g) of this section. (e) *Direct expenses and losses* means expenses and losses which have been incurred had not the question taken place. This includes for specially employed personnel, overtime pay, the cost of support equipment destroyed or damaged, and the depreciated value of equipment destroyed or damaged. It does not include such costs as wages of firefighters, costs, or depreciation (if based on hours of use during firefighting) as defined herein normally be incurred after the fire alarm and would normally be the first of the following: Reimbursement for in-service and other further operations, or compensation to another incident.

(f) *Fire* means any instance of uncontrolled burning including scorch burns and explosive combustible dusts or solids, flammable liquids, and gases. The definition