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## National Fire Incident Reporting System



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### **WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM (NFIRS) WEB SITE.**

This Web site provides system resources and an overview of the standard national reporting system used by U.S. fire departments to report fires and other incidents to which they respond and to maintain records of these incidents in a uniform manner. The site also includes information on training, technical support, and information for vendors who develop NFIRS-compatible software programs. Visitors to this site may also download coding handbooks, sample forms, and a system documentation manual. [Learn More About NFIRS](#) »

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### **NFIRS 5.0 On-line System Availability**

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On-line System Availability - USFA Client Software Update 5.4.1 Release

The maintenance window is complete and the On-line system is available.

The NFIRS 5.0 Version 5.4.1 software is available on the NFIRS 5.0 Download Software Page. Refer to update information in the message below.

*This information was posted on March 1, 2006, 1430 hrs EST*

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### **NFIRS 5.0 On-line System Availability: Rules Adjustment and USFA Client Software Update 5.4.1 Release**

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#### **To All NFIRS 5.0 Users and Vendors:**

The NFIRS 5.0 On-line System will be unavailable from approximately 0600 to 0700 (EST) on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 to prepare for the USFA NFIRS 5.0 client software version 5.4.1 release and to address the following rules validation issues:

- A time zone bug that caused the inappropriate version of rules to be applied to Central Time zone incidents who Incident Date was between 12/31/2005 10:00 p.m. and 12/31/2005 11:59 p.m.
- The implementation of Relational Edit #53, which states: If Cause of Ignition is 3 or 4 (Failure of Equipment or Heat Source, Act of Nature) then Block E2 (Factors Contributing) is required (none is valid answer). The Human Factors field will not be required if Cause of Ignition equals 3 or 4.
- Rules Versioning change for 2005 fire incidents: the fields Factors Contributing and Human Factors will not be required for incidents from 2005 or earlier.
- The Warning Validation Edit for the Apparatus/Personnel Module's Number of People field will be adjusted. The Warning will be generated only when at least one Personnel module is filled out, and the value in the Number of People field does not equal the count of Personnel modules (1810 records).
- Import and conversion of 4.1 data will result in incidents that are automatically Released status, and not validated against 5.0 rules.

These adjustments will be incorporated in the Vendor Validation Tool 4.10 which will be released shortly.

When the maintenance window is complete and the On-line system and the updates are available, a

message will be posted on this page.

*This information was posted on February 27, 2006*

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