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## Register Online

You may register your fire department in one of two ways:

### Register Online

Choose your state, enter your Fire Department ID (FDID) if known, and click the "Begin" button to start the survey. If you do not know your FDID, please contact your [NFIRS State Program Manager](#).

### Register for the National Fire Department Census

**State**

**FDID**

(a.k.a. NFIRS ID)

### Register by Fax or Mail

Please fax to (301) 447-1049 or mail to Fire Department Census, U.S. Fire Administration, Room G-111, 16825 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

 [Download Application](#) (PDF, 390 Kb)

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## I Can't Find My Department in the Database

### Search Tips

1. Provide information for only one of these two fields: City or Zip Code.
2. If your department is not found, try entering just the first three numbers of your zip code.

**If you still cannot find your department**, check with the appropriate personnel in your fire department to see if a census form was completed. If it wasn't, you are welcome to [register online](#) through this site or by [downloading the registration form](#) and faxing it to USFA at (301) 447-1049.


**If your department did register and you cannot find the listing**, it is possible that the record hasn't been added to the database yet. If the census form was completed on-line, the record is not automatically entered in the database. You will receive a confirmation number from USFA by e-mail that is used to [verify your department's registration](#). Once the registration is verified, all data submitted is reviewed by USFA staff for data quality and completeness before it is included in the census database. If you did not receive a confirmation number, please [contact us](#) to request your confirmation number.

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## Change a Listing

If you need to make a change to an existing listing AND your Fire Department ID (FDID) is currently recorded in the database, you may edit your department's information online. Enter the FDID below to access your department's record.

**State**

**FDID** (a.k.a. NFIRS ID)

If you are not able to access your record, please [contact us](#) with a description of the changes you would like made.

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## About the National Fire Department Census

In the spring of 1998, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) convened a [Blue Ribbon Panel](#) of prominent members of the U.S. fire service to review the structure, mission and purpose of the United States Fire Administration (USFA) and to make recommendations for the future of the Federal fire focus. The Blue Ribbon Panel noted the lack of a comprehensive list of fire departments and baseline data for the definition of the composition, capabilities, and activities of the nation's fire service. Their recommendation was for the USFA to develop a fire department census.

In the fall of 2001, the USFA launched a nationwide campaign for voluntary registration of fire departments by means of direct mailing, coordination with fire service organizations and State offices, referencing existing data sources and conference promotions. By early June 2004 more than 22,800 fire departments had registered with the National Fire Department Census. This is about three-fourths of the total fire departments estimated to be in the United States.

The purpose of the census is to create a national database for use by the fire protection and prevention communities, allied professions, the general public and the USFA. USFA will use the database to conduct special studies, guide program decision-making and to improve direct communication with individual fire departments.

The census database provides a current directory of registered fire departments and includes basic information such as address, department type, website, and number of stations. The survey also collects information that will be released in [summary format](#) only: number of personnel and specialized services.

The USFA is continuously working to encourage more fire departments to participate in the census. The census form can be completed [online at this website](#) or by [downloading the census form](#) and faxing it to (301) 447-1049 or by mailing it to:

U.S. Fire Administration  
National Fire Data Center, G-111  
16825 S Seton AVE  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Fire departments currently registered with the census are able to [update information](#) for their department through the website. All new submissions and updates are reviewed by the USFA before they are included in the census.

For more information about the USFA National Fire Department Census, please [contact us](#).

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## Download Departments

Here you can download a comma-separated or tab-delimited text file of United States fire departments registered with the census.

These files contain the following information: *department name, headquarters address, department mailing address, headquarters telephone number, headquarters fax number, county, department type, organization type, Web site address, number of stations, number of active firefighters, the number of non-firefighting personnel*, and a flag indicating the department's status as *primary emergency management department*.

### Download a State List

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- Select a State -

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### Download the National List

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