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## About the National Fire Department Registry formerly the National Fire Department Census

The purpose of the registry is to create a national database for use by the fire protection and prevention communities, allied professions, the general public and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). USFA uses the database to conduct special studies, guide program decisionmaking, and to improve direct communication with individual fire departments.

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 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 registry.

In the fall of 2001, the USFA launched the National Fire Department Census, a nationwide campaign for voluntary registration of fire departments by means of direct mailing, coordination with fire service organizations and state offices, and referencing existing data sources and conference promotions.

From 2001 to 2016, the number of registered fire departments grew from about 16,000 to over 27,000. Because the census was cumulative over time, it did not reflect a typical census in the way that the data were collected. As a result, in the fall of 2016, the USFA renamed the census to the National Fire Department Registry.

Today, the National Fire Department Registry 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 regarding specialized services that is released in summary format only.

For more information about the National Fire Department Registry, please [email us \(mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov\)](mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov). If you are with a fire department, be sure to include your department's name, state location, and fire department identification number (FDID), if known.



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## Register your fire department

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

### 1. Register online preferred method

Choose your state, enter the Fire Department ID (FDID) if known, and select the "Begin" button to start your registration. If you do not know the FDID, please contact your [NFIRS State Program Manager](#) (<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/pocs/>).

State

FDID The FDID is a unique identifier assigned by your state for fire incident reporting purposes.

Begin

### 2. Register by fax or mail

Please fax the registration form to 301-447-1049 or mail to:

National Fire Department Registry  
U.S. Fire Administration  
Room G-106  
16825 S. Seton Ave.  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

[Download registration form PDF -2 MB](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/fdsurvey.pdf) (<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/fdsurvey.pdf>)



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## Verify your registration

Please enter the confirmation number you received by email and the email address you supplied on the registration form. After confirmation, your registration will be reviewed by the U.S. Fire Administration.

### Registration confirmation

Confirmation number

Email address

Verify



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## National Fire Department Registry help

### I don't know if my department registered

#### 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 registry form was completed. If it wasn't, you are welcome to [register online \(/registry/register/\)](#) through this site or by [downloading the registration form PDF -2 MB \(https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/fdsurvey.pdf\)](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/fdsurvey.pdf) and faxing it to USFA at 301-447-1049.

### My department registered but I can't find the listing

If your department did register and you cannot find the listing, it is possible that the record hasn't been added to the registry yet. If the registry form was completed online, the record is not automatically entered. You will receive a confirmation number from USFA by email that is used to [verify your department's registration \(/registry/verify/\)](#). Once the registration is verified, all data submitted is reviewed by USFA staff for data quality and completeness before it is included in the registry.

### I registered but didn't receive a confirmation number

If you did not receive a confirmation number, please [email us \(mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov\)](mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov) to request your confirmation number.

### Other questions?

Please [email us \(mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov\)](mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov) and include your fire department name, state location and FDID.



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### Change a listing

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Please review your fire department's listing once a year to make sure information is current.

To make a change online, enter your department's state location and Fire Department ID (FDID) below. If your fire department is located in Missouri or Oregon, please include leading zeros before your FDID to make it five digits/characters in length. For example, if the FDID is 111, please enter 00111.

State

FDID (also called NFIRS ID)

Login

If you are not able to access your registration, please [email us \(mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov\)](mailto:census@fema.dhs.gov) with a description of the changes you would like made. Please include your fire department name, state location and the FDID if known.



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## Download departments

Here you can download a comma-separated text file of United States fire departments listed in the National Fire Department Registry.

### Important information about Fire Department Identification Numbers (FDIDs)

Please note that each state assigns FDIDs — not the U.S. Fire Administration — so it is possible for the same FDID number to exist in two or more states.

## Download a state list

This file contains the following information for each state:

- Department id
- Department name
- Headquarters address
- Mailing address
- Telephone number
- Fax number
- County
- Website address
- Department type
- Organization type
- Number of stations
- Number of active firefighters
- Number of nonfirefighting personnel
- Flag indicating the department's status as primary emergency management department

### 1. Choose a state

### 2. Download

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## Download the national list

This file contains the same information as the state lists and includes all 50 states and U.S. territories.

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## Download the station list

This file includes the addresses of stations or independently incorporated fire companies for those registered departments that provided this information.

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**How to import these files into Excel**

1. Open a blank workbook.
2. From the menu bar, select the **Data** tab and choose **From Text** . An Import Text File window will open.
3. Select the registry file you downloaded and then **Import** .
4. In the Text Import Wizard under Step 1 of 3, choose **Delimited** and then **Next** .
5. In Step 2 of 3, uncheck **Tab** and check **Comma** . Select **Next** .
6. In Step 3 of 3, change the FDID and ZIP code fields to **Text** format to keep the leading zeroes. Here's how to do it:
  - Under Data Preview, select the FDID column and then choose **Text** in the Column Data Format section.
  - Repeat for the ZIP code column.
7. Select **Finish** . The Import Data window will open. Choose **OK** . All of the data records now appear in the workbook with one field per column.

**Important**

1. The address fields that start with "HQ" are the physical location address fields for the fire departments.
2. The address fields that begin with "Mail" are the mailing address fields. Use these when mailing correspondence to fire departments.