

Managing Module Storyboards

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FAQs	<p style="color: green;">To learn more about managing NFIRS data, click on a topic below or click on the Next arrow to view all topics in sequential order.</p>				
Manuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What Does an NFIRS Program Manager Do? Why Is Managing Important? What Does Managing NFIRS 5.0 Include? How Do I Manage? 				
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<p>Programming Notes: Design this as a menu screen with links to the following pages: What Does an NFIRS Program Manager Do? - Screen 1.1 Why Is Managing Important? – Screen 1.3 What Does Managing NFIRS 5.0 Include? – Screen 1.4 How Do I Manage? – Screen 1.5</p>
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Tutorial Menu	What Does a Program Manager Do? (Screen 2 of 2) ← →
Task List	The NFIRS 5.0 program manager is responsible for managing the flow of data throughout the system. Managing the data flow includes managing many different elements.
FAQs	To learn more about managing data flow, roll your mouse on the topics below.
Manuals	Input
Samples	Tracking
Tools	Quality
Links	Conversion
	Consolidation
	Transfer
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<p>Programming Notes: Each of the text boxes on this screen is a rollover object. Display the information shown below when the mouse is rolled over the rollover object.</p> <p>Input The NFIRS program manager facilitates the input of data into the system at locations throughout a State, county, or fire department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Federal Client Tool. • Using third-party software. <p>Tracking The NFIRS program manager ensures that transaction files are tracked as they are sent from the firehouse to the fire department, county, or to the State database depending on the program manager's position in the chain of command.</p> <p>Quality The NFIRS program manager ensures that the data are entered correctly and that data are validated at each level in the chain of command.</p>

Conversion

The NFIRS program manager oversees the conversion of data from one database format to NFIRS 5.0 format. Such conversion might entail either or both of the following:

- Conversion of data from previous versions of NFIRS to version 5.0 format.
- Conversion of data from third-party software format to NFIRS 5.0 format.

Consolidation

The NFIRS program manager oversees the consolidation of data received from many sources into a single database file.

Transfer

The NFIRS program manager oversees the forwarding of consolidated data from State, county, or fire department to the next level up the chain of command.

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Task List	<p>At each level in the chain of command the NFIRS program manager ensures that the system functions properly. If the system is not managed at each level, data flow may be interrupted and the system will not perform the function for which it was designed.</p>				
FAQs					
Manuals	<p>To learn more about why managing NFIRS at each level is important, roll your mouse on the topics below.</p>				
Samples	System Use				
Tools	Data Consistency				
Links	Data Conversion				
	Data Consolidation				
	Data Access				
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System Use
The NFIRS program manager ensures that the system is being used correctly at each level.

Data Consistency
The NFIRS program manager ensures consistency of the data being input into the system through validation.

Data Conversion
The NFIRS program manager ensures that data from all versions of NFIRS is converted correctly for importation into the national database.

Data Consolidation
The NFIRS program manager ensures that the collected data are rolling up to the fire department, county, State, and national levels.

Data Access
The NFIRS program manager ensures that data can be accessed in report form for inclusion in annual reports and to respond to information requests from:

- Other agencies at the State and county level
- The media
- The public

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<p>Graphic Notes: Develop graphic to represent data flow with boxes labeled Data Quality, Data Tracking, Data Conversion, Data Consolidation, and Data Transfer with the word Communication linking them all together.</p>
<p>Programming Notes: Each box in this graphic is a rollover object. Display the information shown below when the mouse is rolled over the rollover object:</p> <p>Data Quality Ensuring data quality through review of reports at the local level and through data validation at every level.</p> <p>Data Tracking Tracking transaction file receipt from subordinate organizations to ensure that all participating organizations forward data files on a regular basis.</p> <p>Data Conversion Converting files from previous NFIRS versions and/or from third-party software tools to NFIRS 5.0 format.</p> <p>Data Consolidation Consolidating data files from multiple sources (e.g., firehouses, counties, and departments) into a single file containing all data input by the organization.</p>

Data Transfer

Transferring consolidated data to the national database.

Communication

Creating and using a comprehensive communication network to support NFIRS 5.0 data flow.

Communication is a two-way effort with information flowing both up and down the chain of command.

Communication is the glue that holds the system together.

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County
All data forwarded to the county level are validated and consolidated into a county database before transfer to the State NFIRS program manager.

Dept
All data forwarded to the department level are validated and consolidated into a department database before transfer to the State NFIRS program manager.

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Task List	Data Transfer
FAQs	Only the NFIRS State program manager is able to import consolidated State data into the State partition of the national database using the Federal Client Tool. State data in the national database have a status of UNRELEASED or RELEASED.
Manuals	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Graphic: Diagram showing database symbol broken up into multiple partitions labeled with State names.</p> </div>
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When first imported using the Federal Client Tool, State data have a status of unreleased and only individuals who have access to the State partition can view such data. The State program manager may choose to grant access to the State partition to NFIRS users from other States on a case-by-case basis.

RELEASED
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Email receipts
Email receipts to confirm receipt of transaction files.

Email reminders
Email reminders of transaction file due dates, file correction due dates, etc.

Email from users
Email from system users with questions, comments, and corrected files.

Newsletters
Email or paper newsletters that provide information such as system notices, polices, changes, and bug fixes.

An Internet home page
An Internet home page where NFIRS user information is posted.

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- ❑ Determine how data will be input into the system. You have two options:
 - ❑ Input incident reports into a local database on PCs located in the firehouse.
 - ❑ Input incident reports directly into the national database via the Internet.
- ❑ Determine how data files will be transferred from the firehouse up the chain of command to each level. (Refer to the [Sample Management Plan](#) in the Samples section and the [Procedure for Sending an Incident Report File to the State](#) link in the Links section of the Toolkit.)
- ❑ Determine who will perform the various functions necessary to manage the system. (Refer to the [Staffing Resources Tables](#) in the Tools section of the Toolkit.)

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- ❑ Establish a detailed Data Validation Plan. (Refer to the [Detailed Discussion of the Validation Process](#) document in the Tools section of the Toolkit and to the [Fire Data Analysis Handbook](#) in the Manuals section of the Toolkit.) Make sure that the plan includes:
 - ❑ Identification of the person(s) responsible for checking data accuracy and completeness of data upon initial entry into the system at the firehouse.
 - ❑ Identification of the person(s) responsible for validating data at each level of the system.
 - ❑ Written procedure for how data validation will be performed.
- ❑ Determine how the consolidated database will be set up to import data files using the Configuration Tool. (Refer to the [National Fire Incident Reporting System NFIRS Configuration Tool](#) manual in the Manuals section of the Toolkit.) You have the following options:
 - ❑ Accept only complete files (files with no errors).
 - ❑ Corrected files must be resubmitted as an ADD.
 - ❑ Accept incomplete files (files with critical or warning level errors).
 - ❑ Corrected files may be resubmitted as a CHANGE.
- ❑ Determine how correction of invalid or incorrect files will be handled. (Refer to the [Sample Management Plan](#) in the Samples section of the Toolkit.) This determinations should include:
 - ❑ How notification of invalid file status will be sent.

- How correction of an incorrect file will be made and who will make it.
- Determine if the entire file will be resubmitted or only the corrected incidents.
- How the corrected file will be transmitted up the chain of command.
- How the corrected file will be incorporated into the consolidated database at each level.
- Establish the timeframe for submittal of corrections.

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Communication Plan

- Develop a Comprehensive Communication System.
- Develop a NFIRS 5.0 Participant Contact Database. (Refer to [Sample Contact Database](#) in the Samples section of the Toolkit.) Database should give you the capability to:
 - Track participating units (e.g., counties, departments, and firehouses).
 - Track points of contact at participating units (e.g., names, street addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and FAX numbers).
 - Track information about participating units (e.g., square mile area protected, population served, number of calls, software used).
- Establish methods for transmitting general information about NFIRS to all levels of the system. You may want to:
 - Publish a paper newsletter. (Refer to [Sample Paper State Newsletter](#) in the Samples section of the Toolkit.)
 - Publish an electronic newsletter via email mass mailings. (Refer to the [Sample Electronic State NFIRS Newsletter](#) in the Samples section of the Toolkit.)
 - Create a web page where information can be posted. (Refer to the [State NFIRS Web Page](#) in the Links section of the Toolkit.)
- Develop a plan for communicating with specific individuals within the chain of command, preferably using email and form letters. This plan should be developed in conjunction with the Transaction File Tracking Plan. It should include procedures to:
 - Acknowledge receipt of transaction files.
 - Send reminders to send transaction files.

- Send notification that data were invalid and must be corrected.
- Receive corrected files for revalidation.

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Transaction File Tracking Plan

- Develop a Transaction File Tracking System to record and track receipt of transaction files from firehouses, departments, and counties.
- Establish a database or spreadsheet for recording receipt of transaction files. (Refer to [Sample Transaction File Receipt Tracking System Spreadsheet](#) in the Samples section of the Toolkit.)
- Establish a file-naming convention for transaction files created at each level of the system. (Refer to [Suggested Policies and Procedures](#) in the Tools section of the Toolkit.)
- Create a computer filing system for transaction files. (Refer to [Sample Computer Filing System for Transaction Files](#) in the Samples section of the Toolkit.) This system should include:
 - A filing location for files upon initial receipt.
 - A filing location for files that cannot be validated and are on hold pending correction.
 - A filing location for files that have been validated and imported into the consolidated database.

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Data Conversion Plan

- Develop a Data Conversion Plan if previous versions of NFIRS have been used. Before developing this plan check the following two documents for background information:
 - The PowerPoint presentation to learn more about data conversion issues. (Refer to [Conversion Issues PowerPoint Presentation](#) in the Tools section of the Toolkit.)
 - The NFIRS 5.0 Data Conversion Tables to determine how data vary from NFIRS 4.0 to NFIRS 5.0. (Refer to the [Data Conversion Tables](#) in the Tools section of the Toolkit.)
- Determine if you will combine NFIRS 4.0 data and 5.0 data or keep the two systems separate. (Refer to the detailed discussion of conversion issues and reports in the [Using NFIRS Data](#) module of the Toolkit.)

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User Support Plan

- ❑ Develop a comprehensive ongoing support plan. (Refer to the [Support](#) module of the Toolkit for details.)

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User Training Plan

- ❑ Develop a comprehensive training plan for the system. (Refer to the [Training](#) module of the Toolkit for details.)

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Policies and Procedures To Support the Plans

- ❑ Write policies and procedures to support the above plans and systems. (Refer to the [Suggested Policies and Procedures](#) document in the Tools section, [Sample State NFIRS Policy Manual Pages](#) and the [Sample State NFIRS Procedure Manual Pages](#) in the Samples section, and the [Links to State Policy and Procedure Pages](#) section in the Links section of the Toolkit.)

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Budget To Support the Plans

- ❑ Develop a budget to support the above plans and systems and consolidate it with the budgets developed for all other aspects of NFIRS. (Refer to the [Planning](#), [Marketing](#), [Using NFIRS Data](#), [Training](#), and [Support](#) modules of the Toolkit for additional budget items.)

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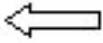
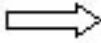


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	Sample 5.0 Transaction File Sample of a transaction file showing correct data output format. You can use it as an example to compare with transaction files received to verify that they are in the correct format for importation.	View	Down-load
	Sample 4.1 Master File Sample NFIRS 4.1 Master File showing data and format of file created when historic data are prepared for importation into NFIRS 5.0 database. You can use it as an example to compare with master files received to verify that they are in the correct format for importation.	View	Down-load
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Sample 4.1 Master File
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Sample Computer Filing System for Transaction Files
 FilingSystem.doc

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 PaperNewsltr.PDF

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	Detailed Discussion of the Validation Process Instructions for validating NFIRS data with a discussion of types of errors and error handling. You may want to review this document when preparing your validation plan.	View	Down-load	
	Conversion Issues PowerPoint Presentation PowerPoint presentation is designed to highlight the issues you may want to consider if you plan to convert NFIRS data from version 4.0 to 5.0.	View	Down-load	
	Data Conversion Tables Spreadsheet with four worksheets that show, in detail, the differences in data fields and values between NFIRS version 4.0 and 5.0. You may want to review these in detail if you plan to convert data from version 4.0 to 5.0.	View	Down-load	
	Transferring Data to the National Database Discussion of data transfer options you may want to consider if you plan to use a third-party software package to collect data.	View	Down-load	
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Staffing Resources Tables - Staffing.doc

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Suggested Policies and Procedures – Policies.doc

Detailed Discussion of the Validation Process - (**NOTE:** To be developed by Marion Long. Location TBD)

Conversion Issues PowerPoint Presentation - (**NOTE:** PowerPoint presentation mentioned by Marion Long. Location TBD).

Data Conversion Tables - Location: NFIRS 5.0 Resource CD /NFIRS 5.0 System

Specifications/Conversion Tables:

Basic Fire Structure Modules.xls

Civilian Casualty Module.xls



Firefighter Casualty Module.xls

Hazardous Materials Module.xls

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Transferring Data to the National Database – Transfer.doc

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NFIRS 5.0 List of State Coordinators This link to the NFIRS 5.0 Web site links directly to a searchable list of NFIRS 5.0 state coordinators and contact persons.	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/pocs/				
NFIRS 5.0 Support Center This link to the NFIRS 5.0 Web site links directly to the NFIRS 5.0 Support Center (NSC) that offers consolidated national help desk support on questions pertaining to all aspects of the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfdc/nfirs-help.htm				
Incident Type/Module Rules A link on the USFA Web site that describes some general information about incident type codes and module rules.	http://www.nfirs.fema.gov/rules.htm				
NFIRS Technical Bulletins This link to the NFIRS 5.0 Web site links to a collection of technical bulletins relating to NFIRS 5.0.	NOTE: Unable to find link for these bulletins. Can one of the reviewers provide this link?				
NFIRS News Page This link to the NFIRS 5.0 Web site links to the latest information about NFIRS 5.0 updates, releases, bug fixes, etc.	http://www.nfirs.fema.gov/news.htm				
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<p>National Fire Information Council This link to the NFIC Web site provides information about NFIC and NFIC members. It also provides links to email assistance on NFIRS technical and coding questions.</p>	<p>http://www.nfic.org</p>
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<p>Procedure for Sending an Incident Report File to the State This link is to the Minnesota State MFIRS web page and is a sample of the procedure established by the State for sending NFIRS transaction files to the State.</p>	<p>http://www.dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal/mfirs/SendingIncidentReport.html</p>
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<p>State NFIRS Web Page This link is to the Minnesota State NFIRS web page and is a sample of how one State uses the web as part of a comprehensive communication plan.</p>	<p>http://www.dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal/firemfirs.html</p>
<p>Tips For Completing NFIRS Modules This link is to the Michigan Fire Marshal Office Statistics Index page and contains tips and hints for completing the NFIRS modules.</p>	<p>http://www.mspfmd.org/nfir_tips.pdf</p>
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