

Higher Education Academic Fire Programs Database using a survey instrument.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As chief officer promotional requirements for bachelor's degree in U.S. fire departments increases, so do interest in the academic fire programs that offer them. Moreover, the work schedules of fire fighters oftentimes direct them to distance education programs as alternative to traditional programs. Likewise, since the events of September 11, increased interest in fire fighting as a career choice may drive up enrollments in two- and four-year colleges offering degrees in fire science and fire administration.

All of these factors contribute to a national need for this database and the consequence of not doing this project is an unmet need of an important constituency. Finally, the Government Performance and Results Act require our measuring program results. The program office has established four areas of measurement, of which this survey will directly support one.

Collection of Information

Title: Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Academic Fire Programs Database and Performance Measurement.

Type of Collection: New.

Form Numbers: To be assigned.

Abstract: Over the past fifteen years the role and scope of the fire service has changed considerably. Increasingly, fire department responses have changed from mainly structural fires to responding to a wide variety of incidents such as medical calls, hazardous materials incidents, and advanced rescues. The tragic events of September 11, 2001, further changed its role and scope as fire departments begin to prepare for future terrorist acts. The fire service is in a critical period as it attempts to provide efficient and effective service delivery at the same time as expanding services. To meet these new challenges, fire service related organizations must work together at the local, state, and national level. One such area where collaboration among and between fire services related organizations is lacking is Training an Education. The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy has taken a lead role in coordinating and supporting communication between degree programs and interaction between state training agencies and degree programs.

This study will help this process by providing the fire service community with descriptive data on fire service

degree programs from which to begin cooperative planning. The information collected as part of this study will provide baseline data for future studies allowing for more accurate tracking of trends. In addition, institutions offering fire service degree programs can use this information as a benchmark and/or for comparing their program to national averages. Policymakers at the state and national level can use the information gathered to initiate and/or support program and legislative initiatives.

Affected Public: Individuals or heads of households, Not-for-profit institutions:

The three audiences for whom the survey is intended are:

- (1) Potential students looking for a fire-related degree program;
- (2) Fire Science Coordinators looking to start or revamp their programs; and
- (3) Researchers of fire degree-related information, e.g., students working on term papers, fire service textbook publishers, Executive Fire Officer Program Papers and others.

As Not-for-Profit Institutions, colleges and universities offering fire-related degree programs are the recipients of the survey instruments.

Number of Respondents: 332.

Hour Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes to complete initial survey and 30 minutes to complete annual updates.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Range from 166–249 hours with an average of 208 hours.

Estimated Cost to the Federal Government: \$75,412.50.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Section, Program Services and Systems Branch, Facilities and Services

Management Division, Administration and Resource Planning Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Edward J. Kaplan, Education Specialist, U. S. Fire Administration, 16825 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or at Ed.Kaplan@fema.gov for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646–2625 (voice), (202) 646–3347 (facsimile), or e-mail address:

informationcollections@fema.gov for copies of the proposed information collection.

Dated: September 16, 2002.

Reginald Trujillo,

Branch Chief, Program Services and Systems Branch, Facilities and Services Management Division, Administration and Resource Planning Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA–1427–DR]

Federated States of Micronesia; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the Federated States of Micronesia, (FEMA–1427–DR), dated July 11, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 10, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery and Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of July 11, 2002:

Pohnpei State for Public Assistance and the Municipality of Sapwuaahfik for the Emergency Food Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis

Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1431-DR]

North Dakota; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of North Dakota (FEMA-1431-DR), dated September 10, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 10, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 10, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of North Dakota, resulting from severe storms, flooding and tornadoes beginning on June 8, 2002, and continuing through August 11, 2002, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of North Dakota.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses. You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas, and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for

Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Individual Assistance is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under the Individual and Family Grant program will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

The North Dakota Division of Emergency Management will manage the Public Assistance operation, including project eligibility reviews, process control, and resource allocation. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will retain obligation authority, the final approval of environmental and historic preservation reviews, and will assist the North Dakota Division of Emergency Management to the extent that such assistance is necessary and is specifically requested by the North Dakota Division of Emergency Management. Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Steven R. Emory of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of North Dakota to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Grand Forks, Pembina, Stutsman, Traill and Walsh Counties and the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation for Public Assistance.

All counties and Indian Reservations within the State of North Dakota are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1432-DR]

Wisconsin; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Wisconsin (FEMA-1432-DR), dated September 10, 2002, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 10, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 10, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Wisconsin, resulting from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding on September 2, 2002, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Wisconsin.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses. You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in the designated areas, and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and the Individual and Family Grant program will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Gracia Szczech of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Wisconsin to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, St. Croix,