

2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: U S Fire Administration Policy and Program Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee

U S Fire Administration Policy and Program
Advisory Board

3b. GSA

Committee No.

22868

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/16/2004

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/16/2006

7. Expected Term Date

11/15/2006

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

11/16/2006

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b.

Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific

Establishment Authority

13.

Effective Date

14.

Committee Type

Continuing

14c.

Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

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18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board will provide advice and recommendations on policy and program issues as identified by the U.S. Fire Administrator with the goal of reducing the Nation's fire problem and enhancing emergency management training and program policies, processes and procedures through enhanced research, programs and training to assure the nation's resources are better prepared to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from major emergencies or disasters regardless of cause or magnitude. The Board will provide only advice and recommendations on policy and programs as identified by the U.S. Fire Administrator.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members will be selected their demonstrated professional and personal qualifications, and on their direct and continuing experience with fire and emergency activities and organizations. Advisory Committee members will include representatives for the western, central and eastern portions of the country, state emergency management agencies, fire chiefs' associations, and fire fighters' associations. The Committee membership will be a balanced mix of sponsoring organizations by geographical region, management, and labor.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4
Estimated Total Meetings - 8

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The National Urban Search and Rescue Response System comprises 28 US&R Task Forces in 19 States, with over 5,000 System Members. Local governments or fire departments sponsor 26 of the Task Forces, State universities sponsor two. A professional staff of five, with two administrative assistants, manages the System at the federal level. Given the size, complexity and diversity of the US&R System, and the small size of the federal staff managing the System, the professional advice, experience, expertise and technical assistance that the Advisory Committee and its advisory organization provide are critical to the overall mission of the System. As experienced and skilled as the FEMA USFA personnel are, they do not have the day-to-day operational contact and range of technical and other experience that the Advisory Committee and its

work groups will bring to the table. The expertise that the Committee and its advisory organization will provide is not available within FEMA or DHS as a whole, and there are no existing committees that provide or could provide the assistance that the Committee will provide. Alternatives such as public hearings or consultant contracts could not provide the continuity or the economy of the present USFA advisory system. USFA desires to utilize the donated, voluntary time of over 300 of the most highly skilled and experienced fire and emergency personnel in the United States on the Advisory Committee and its subcommittees. To replicate their knowledge and experience by paid consultants could cost millions of dollars, if they were available and sought. The Advisory Committee's functions, perspectives and experience are uniquely those of the Sponsoring Organizations and System members (management, labor, and participating agencies) that are professionally involved with USFA. No other existing committee provides those perspectives and experience. No other means, such as a public hearing, can provide the depth and continuity that the Advisory Committee will provide.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

TBD

Narrative Description

The Secretary's office has not received recommendations of candidates for appointment to this committee. Administratively inactive.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A