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

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Homeland Security	2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
U S Fire Administration Policy and Program Advisory Board	22868

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/16/2004	11/16/2006	11/15/2006

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes		11/16/2006

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
		Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	0	17b. Closed	0	17c. Partially Closed	0	Other Activities	0	17d. Total	0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY

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	☐
Trust in government	☐
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☐
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☑
Unable to Determine	☐
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

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	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

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	☐
Online Agency Web Site	☐
Online Committee Web Site	☐
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☐
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

N/A