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NHFIRS- Fighting Fires with Facts

All incidents need to be reported to NHFIRS.

Here's why....

By recording and reporting all that the fire departments do, the fire service is able to tell the complete story. By showing those inside and out of the fire service the continuing need for emergency and public service calls we all gain a better understanding for the need of the fire service role.

Internal use of the incident reporting information helps departments reduce exposures, deaths and injuries within the fire service, while also helping maintain costs and saving lives and property. External use of information from incident reporting helps generate the public's need to better understand how to protect your property and contents, show the multiple services provided to the public and reduce the risk of death and injury.

Partial or abbreviated reporting does not paint the full picture of what your department or the New Hampshire fire service is doing for the public. In this day of constrained budgets and tough economical environment, many departments are being asked to do more with less. Accurate and complete incident reporting helps demonstrate the full picture. One of the trends discovered with full reporting of all emergency incidents is the increase in the percentage of emergency medical aid calls that the fire service is responding to.

The State Fire Marshal's Office uses the NHFIRS data on a daily basis to evaluate many factors of the New Hampshire fire service. These include concentrating public fire and life safety campaigns where they are most needed, developing efficient investigation strategies and supporting the local departments with grant applications.

Departments who wish to apply for federal grants under the USFA Assistance to Firefighters Grant program are required to be in full compliance with NHFIRS data submission. Not reporting or reporting only partial data could jeopardize your application. Further, if your application is approved and you are found not in compliance, the federal government could ask for a full refund of all grant funds.

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