
National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

327.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 authorizes the National Fire Data Center in the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to gather and analyze information on the magnitude of the nation's fire problem, as well as its detailed characteristics and trends. To do so, the National Fire Data Center has established the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS).

Similarly, Florida has established the Fire and Emergency Incident Information Reporting Program utilizing the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System (FFIRS) to facilitate information exchange with NFIRS (§ 633.136, Fla. Stat.).

FFIRS is a means for Florida fire departments to report and maintain computerized records of fires and other fire department incidents in a uniform manner.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance regarding NFIRS and FFIRS reporting to ensure district response information is properly reported.

327.2 POLICY

The Sanibel Fire and Rescue District is committed to improving fire reporting and analysis capability locally, statewide and nationally. Therefore, it is the policy of the Sanibel Fire and Rescue District to participate in NFIRS by submission of reports to FFIRS.

327.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Operations Chief should designate an FFIRS coordinator, who should develop and maintain familiarity with NFIRS and FFIRS resources and reporting requirements and ensure district information is compliant with the NFIRS and FFIRS reporting formats and that the information is forwarded to the FFIRS in a timely manner.

The USFA has developed a standard NFIRS package that includes incident and casualty forms, a coding structure for data processing, manuals, computer software and procedures, documentation and a National Fire Academy training course for utilizing the system.