Important 2015 Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant Information

The Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant Committee met on March 10th to review and update the 2015 grant application and grant guidance document.

There were two things that were discussed that are of importance for 2015:

1. The portion of the grant that asks if the department is NIMS compliant, if this checked NO that application will not be reviewed or awarded any grant monies.

The reason is that part of the money comes from the U.S. Forest Service in their Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program. The USFS VFA requires that any recipients be NIMS Compliant. Therefore if the application is checked (Not NIMS Compliant) no money can be awarded. The Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant Committee will do NIMS compliance verification checks with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to ensure that fire departments are compliant.

2. The part that asks if the department is reporting incidents to the Utah State Fire Marshal using National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

The reason is that part of the money comes from the U.S. Forest Service through the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program. The VFA requires that any recipients report in NFIRS. Therefore if the application is checked NOT Reporting to the State Fire Marshal no money can be awarded. The Utah Fire Prevention Board also requires that departments report to the State Fire Marshal to be eligible for their portion of the grant funding. The Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant Committee will do NFIRS compliance verification checks with the Utah State Fire Marshal’s office to ensure that all grant applicant departments are compliant with their incident reporting.

The NFIRS Program requires that you log in and check the no activity box monthly if you had no incident responses that month. To assume that you do not need to report if you did not have any incidents for the month is not correct. A non-response is considered non-reporting to NFIRS.

The NFIRS program is hosted by the federal government, the passwords need to be changed every 60 days to be a user, if you do not log in and change your password you will not be granted access, and to get the password reset the department needs to contact Janet Read the NFIRS/NFIRS coordinator for the Utah State Fire Marshal’s office to have it reset.

Janet will also accept emails from fire departments wanting to report no activity for the month, she will go in and add it into the NFIRS data base for you

If you have questions about the Utah Fire Reporting contact

Janet Read at the Utah State Fire Marshal’s Office  janetread@utah.gov   801-284-6365

The Grant Committee has determined that any applications not compliant in either of these to Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant application requirements will determined not compliant with the guidance document and will not be considered for review or awarded and grant funds.

For additional information please feel free to contact any of the members of the grant committee, a current list is being attached to the 2015 UFDAG Grant guidance documents

Which can be downloaded from the Forestry, Fire and State Lands web page

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