

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Public Safety / Fire Safety

HB Section(s): 8.165

Program Name: **Statewide Fire Mutual Aid & Incident Reporting Program**

Program is found in the following core budget(s): **Fire Safety Core**

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Deployment of emergency resources to agencies or citizens in need.

1b. What does this program do?

The Fire Mutual Aid Program is a voluntary system comprised of all fire agencies in the State. When an emergency or disaster exhausts local and regional resources, the Division is responsible for coordinating responses to requests for fire service based resources. These resources include fire suppression and personnel, as well as specialty resources including but not limited to: hazardous materials teams, heavy rescue resources, search and rescue teams, and fire-based emergency medical services.

The Statewide Fire Mutual Aid System has been activated to coordinate 27 major inter-regional responses between 2006-2022. Even when resources are not deployed inter-regionally during local mutual aid events, the Division maintains situational awareness on all major events, and serves as an information conduit between local, regional, state, and federal stakeholders for the duration of the event. The Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator is responsible for maintenance, training, and exercising this plan, as well as coordinating response in times of emergency.

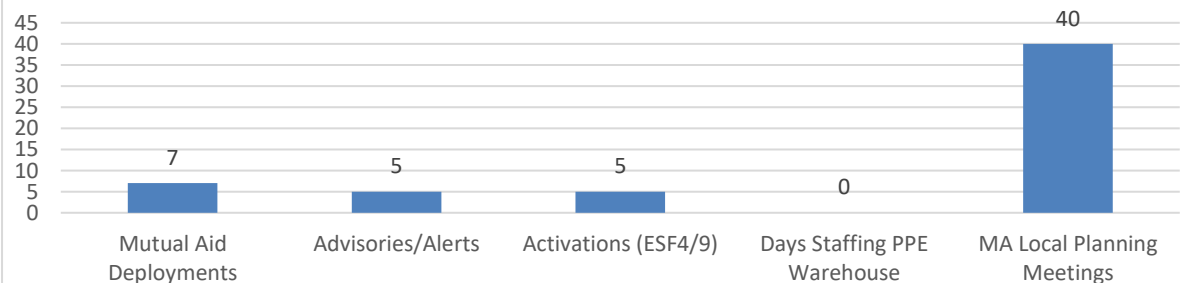
The Coordinator also manages the K9 Mutual Aid, the Fire Department Registration, Donated Equipment, and Radio Frequency Sharing Agreements programs as well as serves as the State Program Manager for the National Fire Incident Reporting System in which fire departments input response information for data collection and prevention purposes.

In FY21, the Statewide Fire Mutual Aid System, in coordination with Statewide Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and local Emergency Management Directors, supported SEMA Logistics in the distribution of COVID-19 related PPE for Fire Service and Law Enforcement personnel.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

Although not officially activated, ESF 4/9 assisted SEMA by providing logistical support for Fire/Law COVID-19 PPE Distribution throughout the event.

FY21 Fire Mutual Aid Activities



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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Staff deployed to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) must have Incident Command System 100, 200, 700, 800, 300, and 400 level training. Additionally, since multiple agencies respond to the SEOC, various exercises are practiced each year to include tornados, nuclear plant incidents, and earthquake scenarios to ensure all agencies are prepared to communicate and coordinate effectively with each other. Several staff at the Division of Fire Safety are trained to respond to the SEOC if activated or has issued an advisory, in addition to Regional Fire Mutual Aid Coordinators who volunteer from around the State. This ensures a capable and coordinated level of response in time of emergency.

2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

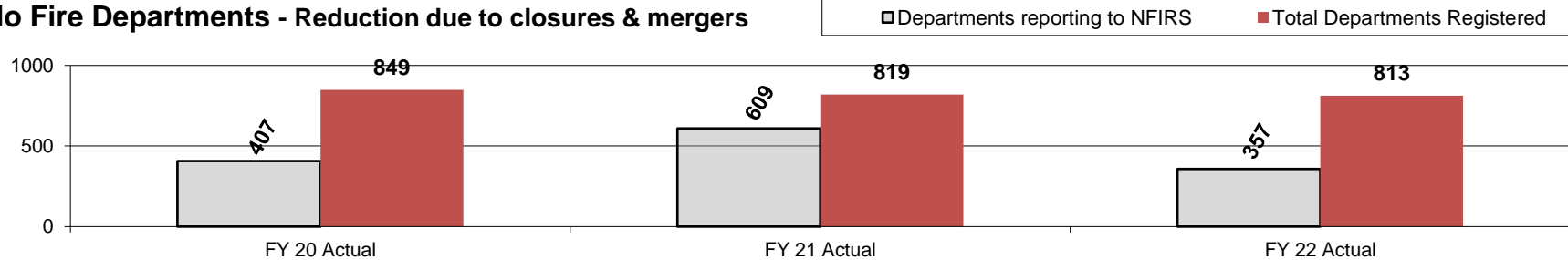
Statewide Fire Mutual Aid is a component of an all-hazard system for allocation, mobilization, and deployment of fire suppression, search and rescue, and hazardous materials resources in response to local incidents that require more resources than those available under any existing inter-jurisdictional mutual aid agreement, especially in response to a major disaster where assistance is needed from one area or region of the State to another. Fire Mutual Aid is designed to augment the available resources during time of emergency or significant event. The Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator facilitates the coordination of fire suppression mutual aid resources in order to minimize human suffering, save lives and conserve property.

This program has a great impact on the Missouri communities in times of emergencies and disasters. Communication and forward preparedness is key in order to ensure a rapid and ready response.

2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

The Division works closely with local fire departments to coordinate resources and route them to areas of the State in greatest need. This is with minimal cost to the State. Fire department participation in this program continues, however reimbursement for the deployment of local resources is a concern.

Mo Fire Departments - Reduction due to closures & mergers



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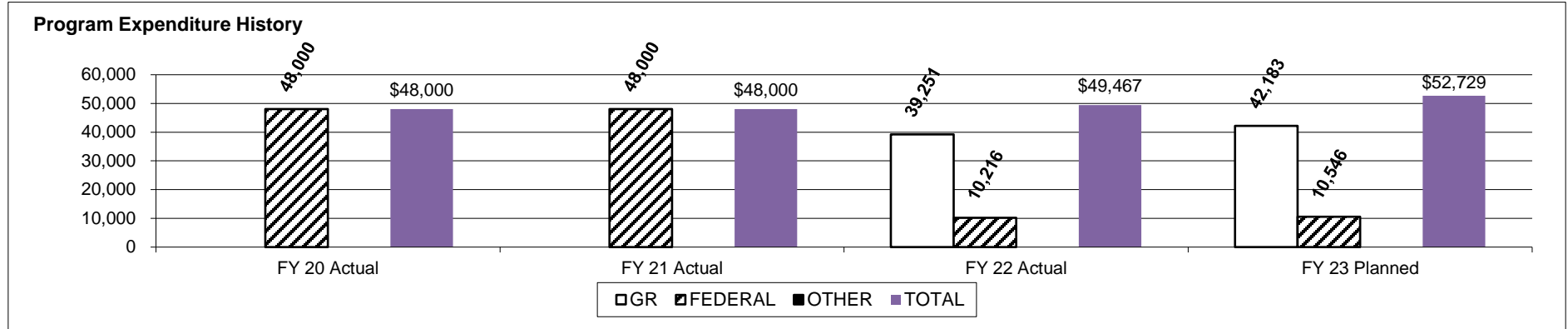
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.) *DFS converted a Fire Inspector FTE to an FTE for this program to better meet the needs of the fire service.*



4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

This program is funded with General Revenue and Emergency Management Preparedness grant funds.

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

RSMo Chapter 44.090, 70.837, 320.090

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Yes. This program is matched with Fire Fighter Contracted Training General Revenue funds.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No, however the program does meet the intent and goals of the National Response Framework and is NIMS compliant.