

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Public Safety / Fire Safety

HB Section(s): 8.165

Program Name: Training and Certification Program

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

### 1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Well-trained, safe fire fighters and credentialed first responders.

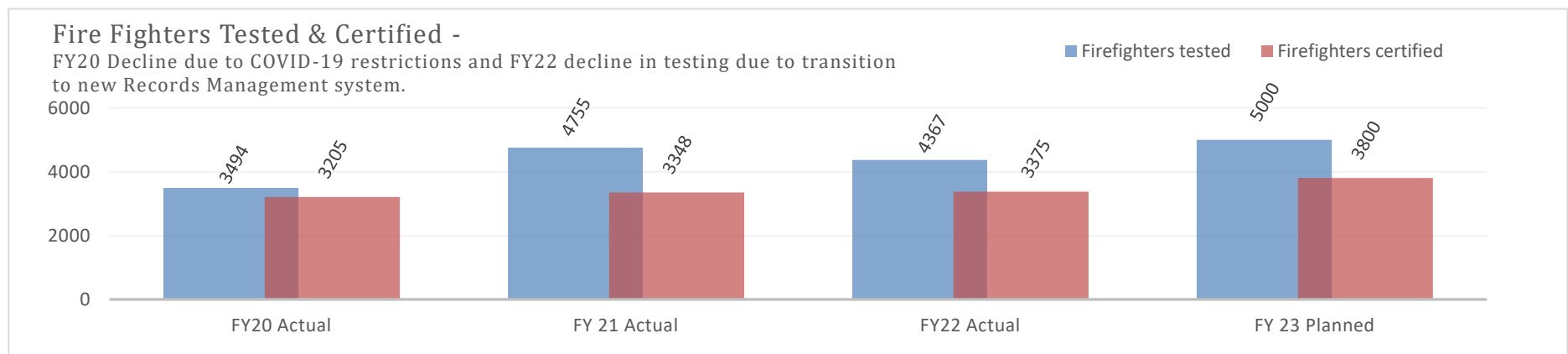
### 1b. What does this program do?

The Division of Fire Safety's Training and Certification Unit provides quality training and internationally accredited certification to Missouri's fire service and emergency response community. The Unit is accredited through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC), and the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) which require certifying entities to follow strict guidelines and meet the most current professional qualification standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Many fire departments around the state require certification prior to hiring and promoting individuals. The Division currently offers 24 levels of certification and numerous training programs and has issued over 102,000 certifications since the program's implementation in 1985.

There are approximately 819 fire departments and 25,000 fire fighters serving Missouri citizens. Of those, it is estimated 80% volunteer their service and have limited, if any resources for life-saving training. The Division's Training and Certification Unit plays a vital role in providing these services.

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



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

All training programs provided by the Division of Fire Safety are based on National Fire Protection Association standards in order to ensure credibility and consistency. Additionally, Division certification programs are verified and validated by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress and the National Board of Professional Qualifications. This allows Missouri's fire service to be recognized for their training worldwide and ensures competency and consistency when fire fighters from multiple departments respond to an emergency incident.

Similar programs exist in other states, including our neighboring states which also offer some accredited certification levels:

Illinois: 38      Iowa: 11      Nebraska: 10

Oklahoma: 14      Kentucky: 15      Arkansas: 37      Tennessee: 29

**Accredited certification levels offered by the Missouri : 24**

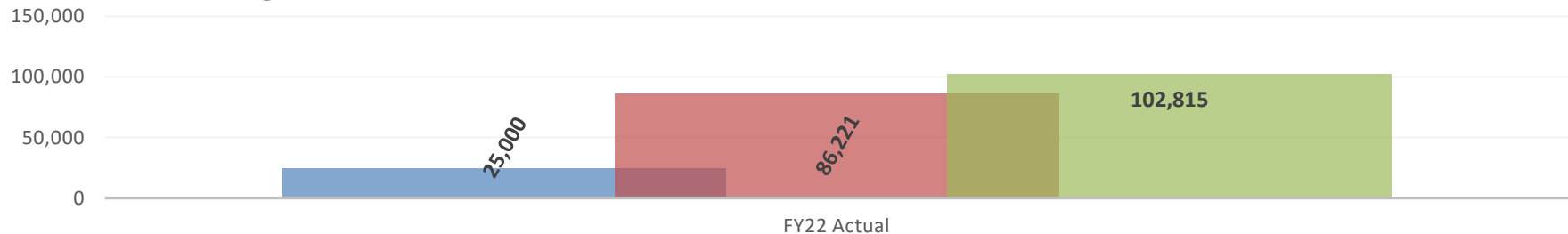
The DFS Training & Certification program implemented a new Learning Management System in FY22. The online system provides Missouri's fire service with greater access to training and testing opportunities, as well as ownership of their own training and certification records. This service is provided at no cost to the fire fighters of our State.

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

Courses and programs continue to see an increase in requests and participation indicating overall satisfaction and need. Trained fire fighters are more capable of providing a safe and effective response to citizens in need.

#### Cumulative Fire Fighters Trained & Certified

■ Est. Firefighters in Mo.    ■ Total Firefighters Trained    ■ Total Certifications Issued



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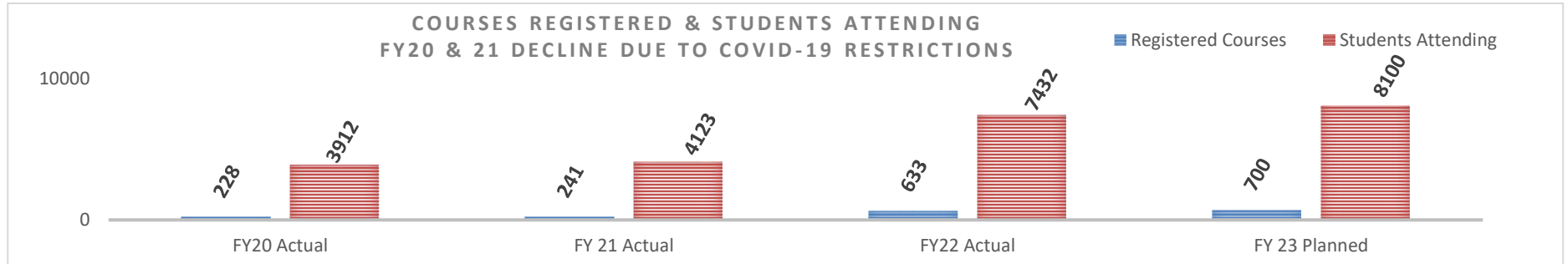
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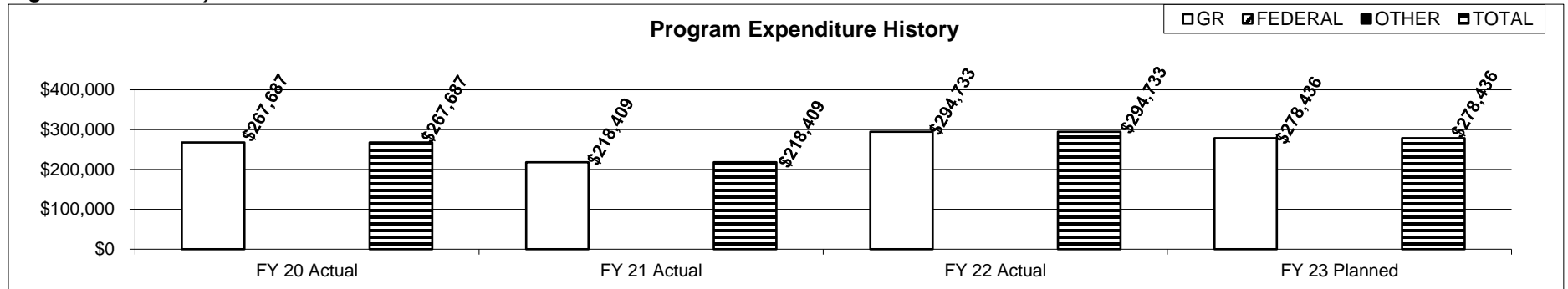
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Program staff was reduced by 1 FTE in FY20. A staff of 5 now coordinates the training, testing and certification of Missouri's 25,000 fire fighters.



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.)



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

N/A

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

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

No

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

No