

Subject: REMINDER--Sunset of NFIRS Version 4.1 data collection

Florida Fire Incident Reporting System Administrators,

As we all know, the current version of NFIRS, version 5.0, expands the national collection of data beyond fires to include the full range of fire department activity including emergency medical services, wildland fires, arson, and hazmat. The previous version, NFIRS version 4.1, does not fully meet today's fire service information needs because it was designed to collect detailed information only on fires, which represents only a fraction of the tasks performed by today's fire service.

This message serves as a reminder that in order to meet our goal of further enhancing the data quality of information collected using National Fire Incident Reporting System, (NFIRS) United States Fire Administration (USFA) will sunset NFIRS version 4.1 data collection on January 1, 2009. The FFIRS Section is available to assist all remaining 4.1 departments in making the transition to version 5.0 on or before January 1, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the FFIRS Section at (850) 413-3698 or ffirs@myfloridacfo.com