

## Section by Section of New U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization

### SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE

“The United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008”

### SEC. 2. FINDINGS

Finds that the rate of life and property loss due to fire in the U.S. is still one of the highest in the industrialized world and that a significant number of firefighters die or suffer injury each year. Finds that USFA provides vital resources and leadership to the Nation’s fire service and should have a prominent voice within the Federal Government.

### SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Authorizes appropriations: \$70,000,000 for FY2009; \$72,100,000 for FY2010; \$74,263,000 for FY2011; and \$76,490,890 for FY2012.

### SEC. 4. NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS AND REPORTS

Amends the list of training activities the National Fire Academy is authorized to engage in by expanding response activities to national catastrophes of all types; authorizes training for response to large-scale fire events that involve multiple jurisdictions and stretch resources; authorizes training for firefighting activities in the wildland-urban interface; authorizes training for fire and emergencies involving hazardous materials; and authorizes training for advanced issues related to emergency medical services.

Requires the Administrator to include a description of any changes to the National Fire Academy curriculum in every third annual USFA report to Congress.

Authorizes the Administrator to enter into contracts to provide on-site training through third-party organizations. Such organizations must either provide training that leads to certification accredited by a relevant nationally recognized accreditation organization or, at the time of the agreement, provide similar training to another Federal agency.

Requires the Administrator to consolidate and integrate into the National Fire Academy curriculum a course on incident command for fires in marine and port environments into the National Fire Academy’s incident command training.

### SEC. 5. NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Authorizes the Administrator to use a maximum of \$5 million dollars from the total appropriated over the years FY2009 to FY2011 to upgrade the National Fire incident Reporting System.

### SEC. 6. FIRE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE AND DISSEMINATION

Authorizes USFA to assist the Nation’s fire service by developing equipment, best practices, and new knowledge to address fire suppression and prevention for fires in the wildland-urban interface.

Requires USFA to maintain a web database of activities the agency funds related to trends, new knowledge, and best practices in firefighting.

#### SEC. 7. ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY

Directs the Administrator to promote the adoption of national voluntary consensus standards for firefighter health and safety by educating the fire service, encouraging their adoption at all levels of government and making recommendations on other ways the Federal government can encourage state, local, and federal fire agencies to comply with these standards.

#### SEC. 8. COORDINATION ON FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Amends Section 21(e) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 by directing the Administrator to include fire service-based emergency medical services in his liaison and coordination activities across the Federal government.

Authorizes the Administrator to conduct studies, either directly or through contracts, on the operations and management aspects of fire service-based EMS.

#### SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS

Defines wildland urban interface and hazardous materials.