

DATES: The meeting of the Committee will take place on Friday, November 8, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554, Room TW-C305.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer, Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5A824, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. Telephone (202) 418-2809 (voice) or (202) 418-0179 (TTY); Email: cdtac@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Public Notice dated and released October 15, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission announced the next meeting of its Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee. The establishment of the Committee had been announced by Public Notice dated November 30, 2000, 15 FCC Rcd 23798, as published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 76265, December 6, 2000). At the November 8, 2002 meeting, The Committee will consider the Commission's proposed rules concerning the Telephone Consumer Protection Act; will receive an update regarding its recommendations concerning the Commission's consumer complaint process and outreach activities, and will receive and consider a report of an ad hoc working group on Sec. 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Committee will also receive a report from its chairperson regarding activities since the June meeting and an update on the Committee rechartering process. The Committee will also be updated on the Commission's Biennial Regulatory Review Process. Other working group reports will be received and considered if available. The Committee will make recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission as appropriate, and may also consider other matters within the mandate of its Charter.

Availability of Copies and Electronic Accessibility

A copy of the October 15, 2002 Public Notice is available in alternate formats (Braille, cassette tape, large print or diskette) upon request. It is also posted on the Commission's website at www.fcc.gov/cgb/cdtac. The Committee meeting will be broadcast on the Internet in Real Audio/Real Video

format with captioning at www.fcc.gov/cgb/cdtac. The meeting will be sign language interpreted, and realtime transcription and assistive listening devices will also be available. The meeting site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Copies of meeting agendas and handout materials will also be provided in accessible formats. Meeting minutes will be available for public inspection at the FCC headquarters building and will be posted on the Commission's Web site at www.fcc.gov/cgb/cdtac.

The Committee meeting will be open to the public and interested persons may attend the meeting and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Committee on issues of interest to them and the Committee. Written comments for the Committee may also be sent to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, Scott Marshall. Notices of future meetings of the Committee will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Federal Communications Commission.

Margaret Egler,

Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau.

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed, revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the use of a Census form to collect data for the development of a national fire department database.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) receives many requests from fire service organizations and the general public for information related to fire departments, including total number of departments, number of stations per department,

population protected, and number of firefighters. The USFA also has a need for this information to guide programmatic decisions, and produce mailing lists for USFA publications. Recommendations for the creation of the fire department database came out of a Blue Ribbon Panel's review of the USFA—initiated by FEMA Director James Lee Witt in the spring of 1998. The report included a review of the structure, mission and funding of the USFA, future policies, programmatic needs, course development and delivery, and the role of the USFA to reflect changes in the fire service. The panel included 13 members of the U.S. fire community. As a result of those recommendations, the USFA is working to identify all fire departments in the United States to develop and populate a national database that will include information related to demographics, capabilities and activities of fire departments Nationwide. In the first year of this effort, information was collected from 16,000 fire departments leaving an estimated 17,000 fire departments still to respond.

Collection of Information.

Title: National Fire Department Census.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Many data products and reports exist that contain fragmented or estimated information about fire department demographics, and capabilities, but there is no single reference source today that aggregates this data to provide a complete and accurate profile of fire departments in the United States. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) receives many requests for information related to fire departments, including total number of departments, number of stations per department, population protected, apparatus and equipment status. The USFA is working to identify all fire departments in the United States to develop and populate a national database that will include information related to demographics, capabilities and activities. The database will be used by USFA to guide programmatic decisions, provide the Fire Service and the public with information about fire departments, and produce mailing lists for USFA publications and other materials.

Affected Public: Federal, State, local or Tribal government; not-for-profit institutions; volunteer; and, industrial fire departments.

FEMA forms	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A x B x C)
	17,000	1	25 Minutes (.42)	7,083
Total	17,000	1	25 Minutes (.42)	7,083

Estimated Cost: The estimated costs to the government will be contracted direct labor and associated overhead costs of \$50,000. There would be no costs to the respondent other than the minimal direct labor cost of a single firefighter or emergency service worker taking a small amount of time to complete the census form and this would be applicable only to those fire departments and emergency service agencies with career employees. The majority of the respondents will be from volunteer fire departments for which no direct labor costs will be incurred. The estimate of respondent costs for those career departments is computed as follows: Estimated number of census forms multiplied by the national average hourly rate of a firefighter of \$18.65 multiplied by .42 (representing the estimated 25 minutes it takes to complete the census form) and multiply that by .25 which represents the percentage of respondents who are career (paid) personnel. Using this equation, total estimated costs to respondents of \$33,290 is derived (17,000 estimated census forms \times \$18.65 = \$317,050 \times .42 = \$133,161 \times .25 = \$33,290). The average cost per census form is a minimal \$1.96. The respondents are under no obligation to complete the census form and may refuse to do so or stop at any time so the average cost to the respondent of \$1.96 could easily not be incurred by refusing to fill out the census form.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be

received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, or email InformationCollections@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Gayle Kelch, Statistician, United States Fire Administration, National Fire Data Center (301) 447-1154 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at, email InformationCollections@fema.gov for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

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Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.
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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program.

The request is submitted under the emergency processing procedures in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulation 5 CFR 1320.13. FEMA is requesting that this information

collection be approved by November 4, 2002. The approval will authorize FEMA to use the collection through May 31, 2003. FEMA plans to follow this emergency request with a request for a 3-year approval. The request will be processed under OMB's normal clearance procedures in accordance with the provisions of OMB regulation 5 CFR 1320.10. To help us with the timely processing of the emergency and normal clearance submissions to OMB, FEMA invites the general public to comment on the proposed collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-288, as amended, and 44 CFR 206.131 are the statutory and regulatory provisions that govern the program and the purpose of the data collection. The collection of information will assist FEMA in monitoring program delivery to disaster applicants and compliance with other Federal requirements—flood insurance, environmental assessments, and floodplain management.

Collection of Information

Title: Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program Administration Information.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection, which has expired.

OMB Number: 3067-0163.

Form Numbers:

FEMA Form 76-27, DARIS Entry Document, Initial Report, is initiated by the Region based on the data provided by the State. The State provides FEMA preliminary information on the IFG Program for staffing and management purposes. This report is completed once for each disaster, and establishes an account for each new IFG program.

FEMA Form 76-28, DARIS Entry Document, Status Report, is completed by the State IFG staff and provided to the FEMA Regional Director. It serves as the framework for reviewing, analyzing and monitoring the progress of the program. The report tracks the number and dollar amount of applications approved by the State, the number and dollar amount of grants disbursed and the number of grants appealed. The data carried on this report is used to make determinations on the need for