

**National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0 and  
Y2K Readiness of the Fire Service**

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*Version 5.0 is the most comprehensive revision of NFIRS since its inception in the late 70's. While there have been a number of updates over the years, the system has not kept pace with the dramatic changes in the role of the Nation's fire service. NFIRS 5.0 is Y2K compliant and many states and departments see the transition of Version 5.0 as an opportunity to resolve their Year 2000 problems while upgrading their data collection systems. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been designated as the lead agency for informing the Emergency Service Sector of Y2K issues and for assessing their Y2K readiness. The presentation will include a status report on the initial Y2K issues and for assessment of fire departments and 9-1-1 Centers. In turn, the membership of inFIRE may serve as a source for information about readiness and as a conduit for disseminating Y2K information to the fire service.*