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Publications and Outreach and  
the National Emergency  
Training Center Library



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# U.S. Fire Administration Mission

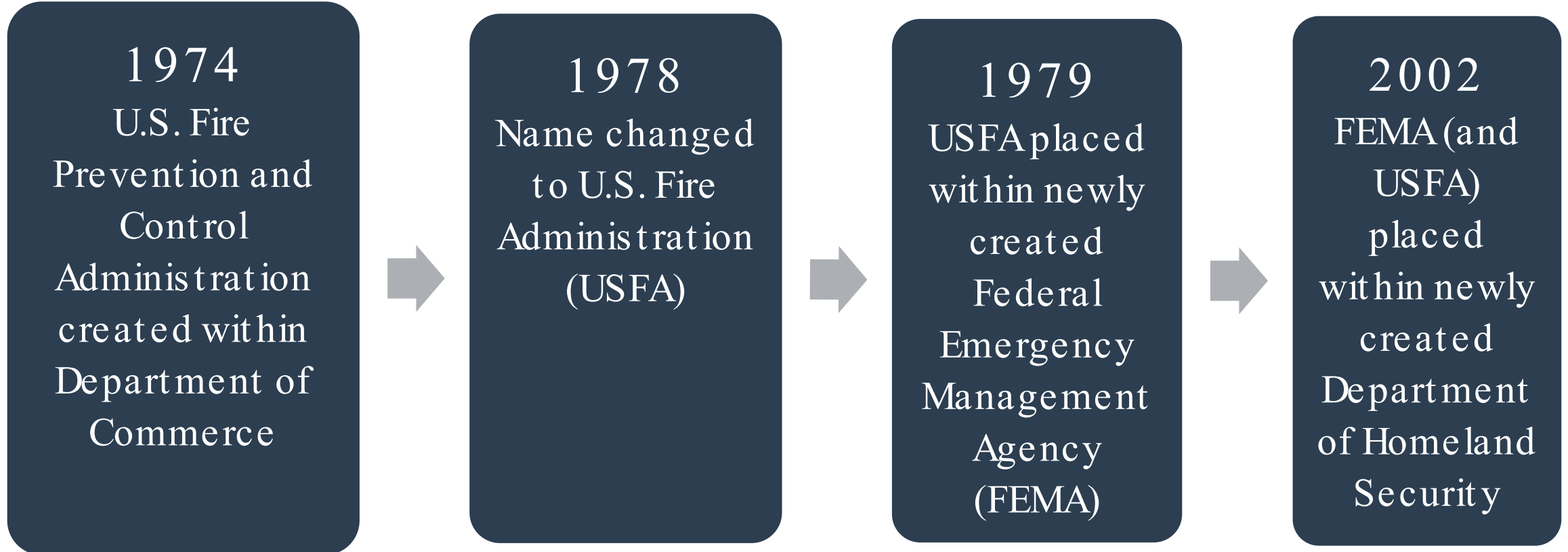
To support and strengthen fire and emergency medical services (EMS) and stakeholders to prepare for, prevent, mitigate and respond to all hazards.

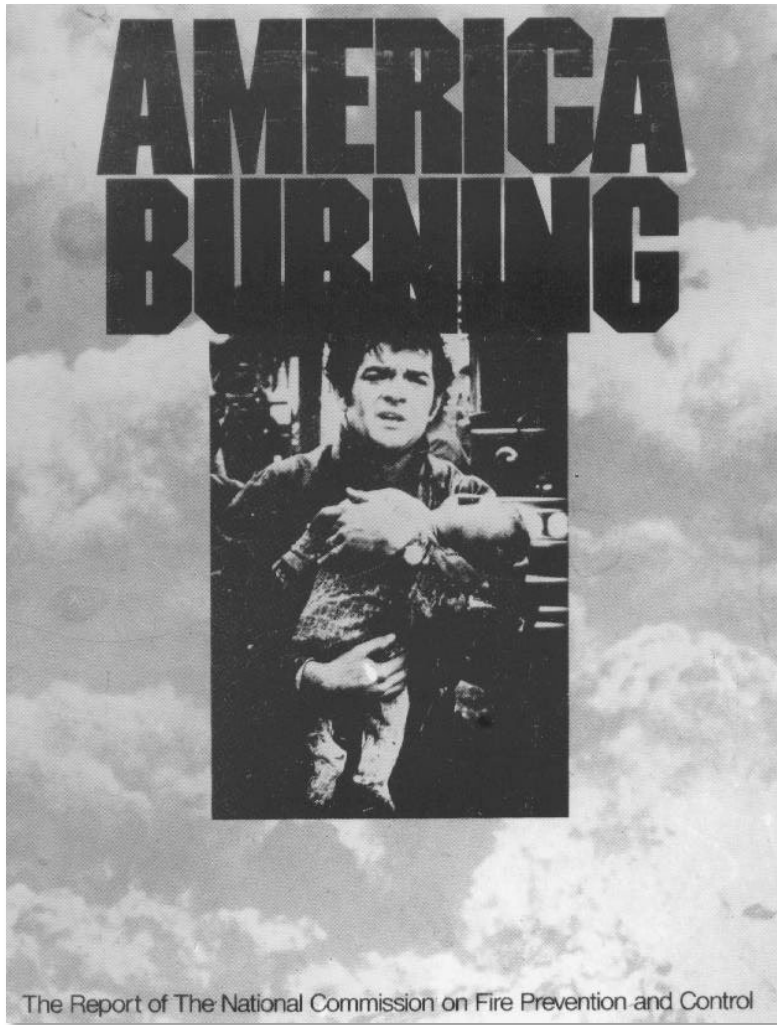


Program areas:

- Fire and EMS education and training
- Community risk reduction
- National Fire Data Center
- Research

# Organizational History





*America Burning* is the 1973 report that described the scope of the nation's fire problem and raised awareness of the critical need for fire prevention. The report recommended the creation of the USFA

In the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP):

*America Burning* (1973)

SuDocs:Y 3.F 51:1/973

CGP #000756871 / OCLC #678375

*America Burning* (1989 minor revisions)

SuDocs:Y 3.F 51:1/989

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# U.S. Fire Administration Publications and Outreach



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# Sesame Street Fire Safety Program for Preschool Children

The curriculum includes an educator's guide for teachers, a CD of songs and stories, a family guide, a coloring and activity booklet, and a poster to help educators reach preschoolers with simple, memorable fire safety messages.

Visit [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov) for more information.





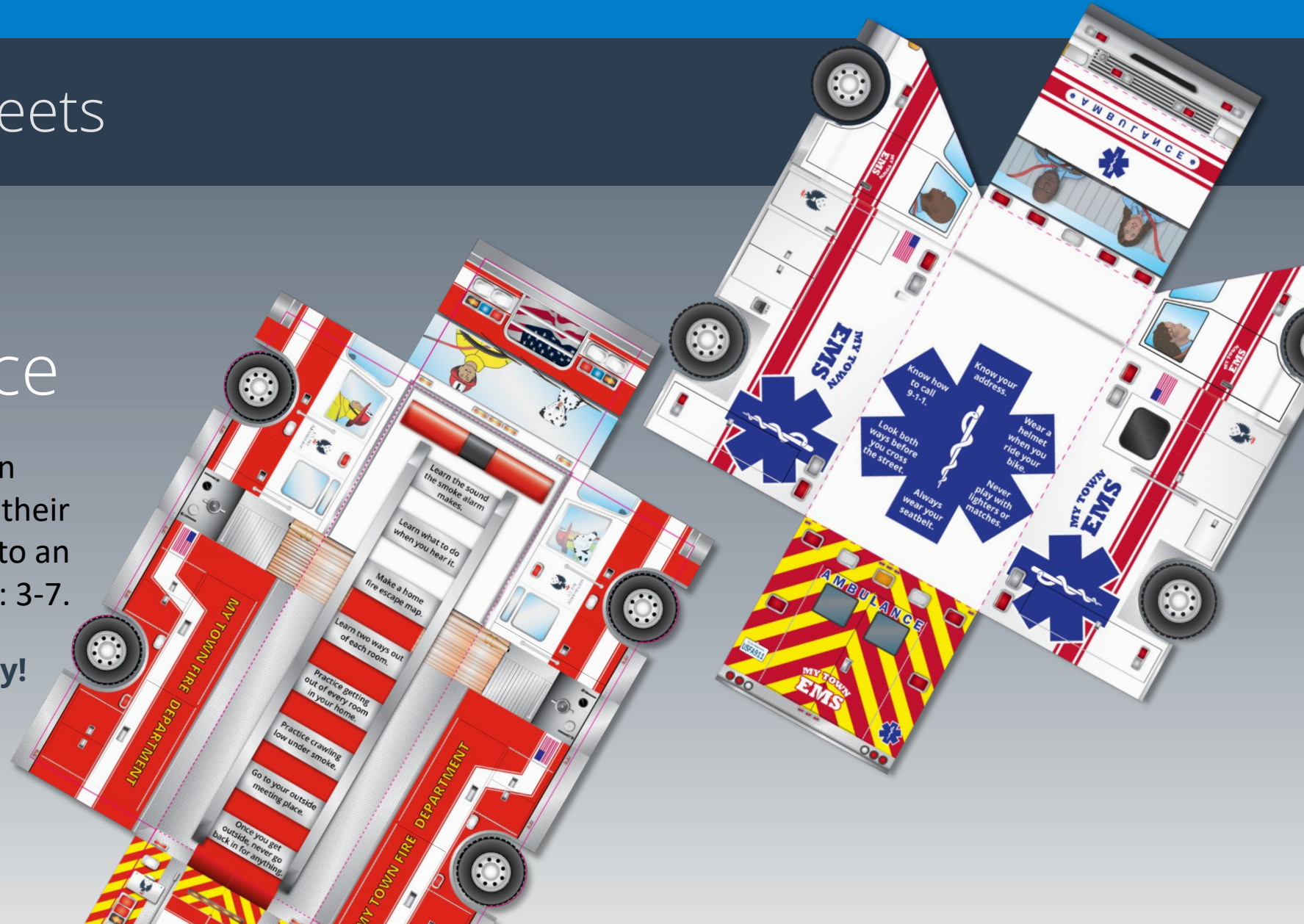
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# Foldup Activity Sheets

## Firetruck and NEW Ambulance

Contains a maze that children can navigate to get an ambulance to their home. The activity sheet folds into an ambulance. Recommended ages: 3-7.

**Order or download them today!**





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Now available!

## Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services

Recruitment and retention are the cornerstone of any volunteer fire or emergency medical services (EMS) department. Without proper staffing, fire and EMS departments cannot provide the services and protection their communities need. It is critical that volunteer departments have the necessary tools, information and support to assist in their efforts to recruit and retain volunteers.



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## Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services

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Help increase community awareness about preventing home fires with free fire safety and prevention outreach materials, including:

- ❑ Social media toolkits.
- ❑ Pictographs.
- ❑ Customizable handouts.
- ❑ Ready-to-use programs.

**Workplace Fire Safety**

**Did you know?** Fires in offices and stores cause over **\$800 million** in direct property damage annually in the United States.

Employers need to prepare for emergencies by making sure smoke alarms and fire sprinklers are properly installed and working.

The infographic features a central illustration of an office interior with a fire extinguisher, a fire alarm pull station, and a fire sprinkler. At the bottom, there are logos for FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

**Elija vivir en un edificio con rociadores automáticos para una mejor protección contra incendios.**

The infographic shows a cross-section of a building with smoke alarms installed in various rooms. A central image shows a smoke alarm with a green checkmark. Logos for FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration, and the U.S. Department of Labor are at the bottom.

**Winter Fire Safety**

**Portable Generators and Alarms**

**Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!**

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

**7 steps to practicing your escape plan**

- 1 Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.
- 2 Find two ways out of every room.
- 3 Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.
- 4 Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
- 5 Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.
- 6 Practice your drill with everyone in the home.
- 7 Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

Additional text on the collage includes: "Useful during winter storms, generators can cause injuries and death." and "Smoke alarms in well-ventilated areas and vents. Carbon monoxide alarms in your home. This can cause shock or injury. Use with heavy-duty generators." There is also an image of a portable generator.

Check out our FREE online outreach materials.



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# Order your free copies today.

We can send publications directly to you **free of charge** and you will receive them in about three to four weeks!

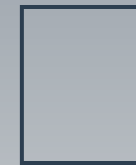
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Join the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and our nation's fire and emergency medical services (EMS) experts as we learn to reduce fire and life safety risks to our communities and emergency responders.

Visit [usfa.fema.gov/podcasts](https://usfa.fema.gov/podcasts) to listen today!

# Did you know?

## Social media cards are available

Visit the outreach page at [usfa.fema.gov](https://usfa.fema.gov) and download social media cards to promote safety messages on your Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Cards are available on a wide variety of topics.



**Major appliances, like a refrigerator, stove, washer or dryer, should be plugged directly into a wall outlet.**

Do not use an extension cord with major appliances.



**Keep Halloween decorations away from open flames, light bulbs and heaters.**

It's easy for decorations like cornstalks and crepe paper to catch on fire. Keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks a way out.





# Fire prevention and safety pictographs



Communicate messages with pictures.

Pictographs will help you communicate important fire safety messages to low literacy, high risk populations.

Visit [usfa.fema.gov](https://www.usfa.fema.gov) to download them today!



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## Looking for FEMA publications?



# FEMA



# Ready

Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.®

The FEMA Distribution Center distributes materials on a variety of topics and will mail publications **free** of charge!

Topics include:

- Natural disaster preparedness.
- Ready.gov materials.
- National Flood Insurance Program brochures.
- And so much more!

To order, call 1-800-480-2520.

# National Emergency Training Center Library

Location: National Emergency Training Center (NETC)  
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Home of the NFA and  
FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI)

Serving:

- NFA students and instructors
- EMI students and instructors
- USFA and EMI staff
- FEMA staff
- First responder community
- Public — **We participate in interlibrary lending!**



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# National Emergency Training Center Library Collections

## Major areas of coverage:

- Fire service
- EMS
- First responder training and safety
- Disaster preparedness
- Leadership
- Historic fires and disasters

## Seed collections:

- Civil Defense Staff College, Battle Creek, Michigan
- NFA Library, Washington, D.C.
- FEMA Library, Washington, D.C.





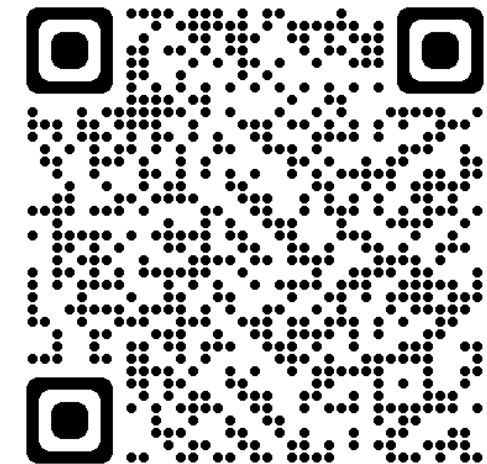
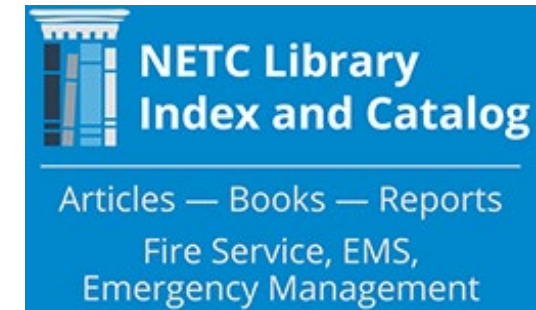
# National Emergency Training Center Library Index and Catalog

Our database is more than a local catalog!

In addition to our books, we also index:

- Journal articles.
- Theses.
- NETC student papers.

A distinctive feature of the NETC Library Index and Catalog is that the records are indexed with subject terms from the NETC Library Thesaurus.



Find us on the USFA website  
<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/library>



# National Emergency Training Center Library Indexing Program

The library currently indexes approximately 75 periodicals with active subscriptions, both trade and scholarly.

Most of our indexing is **selective** .

Generally excluded:

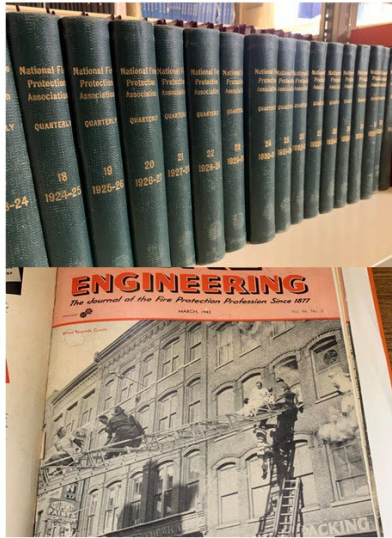
- Short articles (less than 2 pages)
- News articles with short horizons
- Articles not relevant to fire service, EMS or emergency management

Fiscal year 2023 stats: 2,200 articles indexed

(80% from journals we subscribe to and 20% as separates/offprints)



# National Emergency Training Center Library Indexing Program



Notable indexing:

## *Fire Engineering*

1926-present; 16,000+ records

## *National Fire Protection Association Journal*

1907-present (with predecessor titles)

3,000+ records

## *Firehouse*

1976-present; 8,000+ records

Government publications:

*Fire Management Today* (SuDocs A13.32, U.S. Forest Service), 2000-present

*Homeland Security Affairs* (SuDocs D201.48, Naval Postgraduate School), 2010-present



# Questions?

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