

Training For the NFIRS Data Entry Tool and NFIRS Data Entry Browser Interface(DEBI)

The Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office can provide NFIRS training in small groups or through the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy. But there are several user-friendly self-training tools available as well.

1. A tutorial on the NFIRS Data Entry Tool is available at <http://www.nfirs.fema.gov/users/tutorial.shtm> . There are three PowerPoint presentations. You may download these or open them online. For training on the NFIRS DEBI, go to <https://www.nfirs.fema.gov/NFIRSWBI/jsp/authentication/login.jsp> and login. Instructions are available at the DEBI homepage.
2. An online NFIRS training course is available at http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/nfirs/training/self_study/index.shtm . Once enrolled, students may download the course content and take an exam to achieve a National Fire Academy (NFA) Certificate of Completion.
3. A user guide for the NFIRS Data Entry Tool is available at <https://www.nfirs.fema.gov/users/usersdocs.shtm>.
4. The NFIRS 5.0 Complete Reference Guide (CRG) is available at <https://www.nfirs.fema.gov/documentation/reference/> . The CRG provides both instruction for reporting data and understanding of the data elements collected by the system. It also serves as a reference for the coding of the data.
5. Paper forms corresponding to each data entry screen are available at <https://www.nfirs.fema.gov/documentation/design/> .
6. A web-based reporting tool for output reports that summarize your activity is also available. Go to www.nfirs.fema.gov/webtools . Click on Summary Output Reports Tool (SORT). Look for the Documentation link on the left. Double-click to download a manual for the SORT.