






2013 FEMSA/FAMA 10th Annual State of the Fire Service Readiness Survey



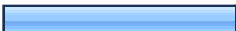
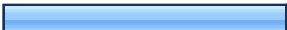
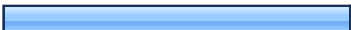

1. Do you know your county emergency director?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		83.0%	2,017
No		17.0%	413
answered question			2,430
skipped question			0



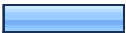






2. Do you consider your department ready to handle the emergencies it will face in the next five years?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		58.6%	1,425
No		23.5%	571
Not Sure		17.9%	434
answered question			2,430
skipped question			0






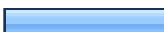

3. What event would be most likely to test the limits of your department in the next five years?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Terrorist Incident		34.6%	841
Major Incident (Fire /Haz-Mat/Accident) beyond normal Mutual Aid or Box Alarm		42.2%	1,026
Natural Disaster		51.9%	1,260
Not Sure		3.4%	83
		answered question	2,430
		skipped question	0




4. What types of new apparatus would help the most if a major incident happened in your area? (Select all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Pumper		39.5%	961
Aerial		20.7%	503
Quint		17.9%	436
Tanker		27.2%	661
Initial Attack		15.4%	374
Incident Command		25.7%	624
Haz-Mat		24.3%	590
Light/Air		17.4%	422
Other (please specify)		16.9%	411
answered question			2,430
skipped question			0

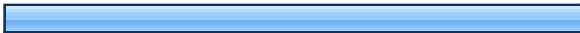






5. What is the biggest threat to the safety of the members of your department?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Improper training		11.9%	290
Lack of equipment		14.7%	356
Quality of equipment		11.6%	283
Poor leadership		8.8%	214
Roadway traffic		17.3%	420
Physical condition/ health		23.6%	574
Other (please specify)		12.1%	293
answered question			2,430
skipped question			0



6. If there is a large incident in a neighboring district, is your department sufficiently trained to work with the multiple jurisdictions that would be involved?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		83.6%	2,031
No		10.5%	255
Not sure		5.9%	144
answered question			2,430
skipped question			0

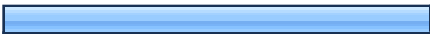



7. Do you feel your department can properly operate (interoperate) with your neighboring departments on the following items: (Select all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Hose Threads		86.5%	2,102
Fire Apparatus		89.1%	2,166
Fire fighting foam systems for increased hazards (increased ethanol in fuel makes AFFF non effective)		55.1%	1,340
Rescue Tools		77.7%	1,888
Lifting Bags		58.4%	1,420
EMS Equipment		70.9%	1,724
Incident Command		78.4%	1,905
answered question			2,430
skipped question			0

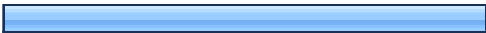

8. Has your department been required to update interoperability communications?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		75.3%	1,831
No		24.7%	599
answered question			2,430
skipped question			0






9. What type of equipment needs to be updated to satisfy required interoperable communications?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Portable Radios		64.1%	1,041
Vehicle Radios		38.4%	624
Base Station Equipment		35.8%	581
Other (please specify)		21.3%	346
answered question			1,625
skipped question			805

10. Are there other types of equipment for which you are updating your current interoperability situation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		72.4%	1,406
Yes		27.6%	535
If "Yes", please specify:			409
answered question			1,941
skipped question			489





11. What single item would help your department the most in the coming year?

		Response Percent	Response Count
More pay		7.0%	135
Better equipment		31.3%	608
More training		39.3%	763
More information on available programs		8.6%	166
Other (please specify)		13.9%	269
answered question			1,941
skipped question			489



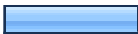


12. In your view, what can the US Fire Service Administration do to assist local departments?

	Response Count
	1,508
answered question	1,508
skipped question	922











13. What is your department type?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Paid		18.8%	365
Volunteer		53.8%	1,045
Combination		26.5%	515
Other		0.8%	16
answered question			1,941
skipped question			489

14. What size population does your department serve?

		Response Percent	Response Count
less than 5,000		32.0%	622
5,000 - 24,999		42.5%	824
25,000 - 149,999		19.9%	386
150,000 - 999,999		4.3%	84
1 Million or more		1.3%	25
answered question			1,941
skipped question			489

15. To enter your department in a drawing for \$5000 in merchandise from any FEMSA member company, please complete the contact information below. Please enter only once per email address. Multiple entries per email address will be discarded.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		99.9%	1,851
Rank:		98.4%	1,822
Address:		99.7%	1,846
Address 2:		12.5%	232
City/Town:		99.7%	1,847
State:		98.4%	1,822
ZIP:		99.2%	1,838
Department Name:		98.3%	1,821
Email Address:		98.3%	1,820
Phone Number:		96.3%	1,784
answered question			1,852
skipped question			578