



# CFSI UPDATE: 2016 FAMA/FEMSA CONFERENCE

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# ENACTING LEGISLATION:

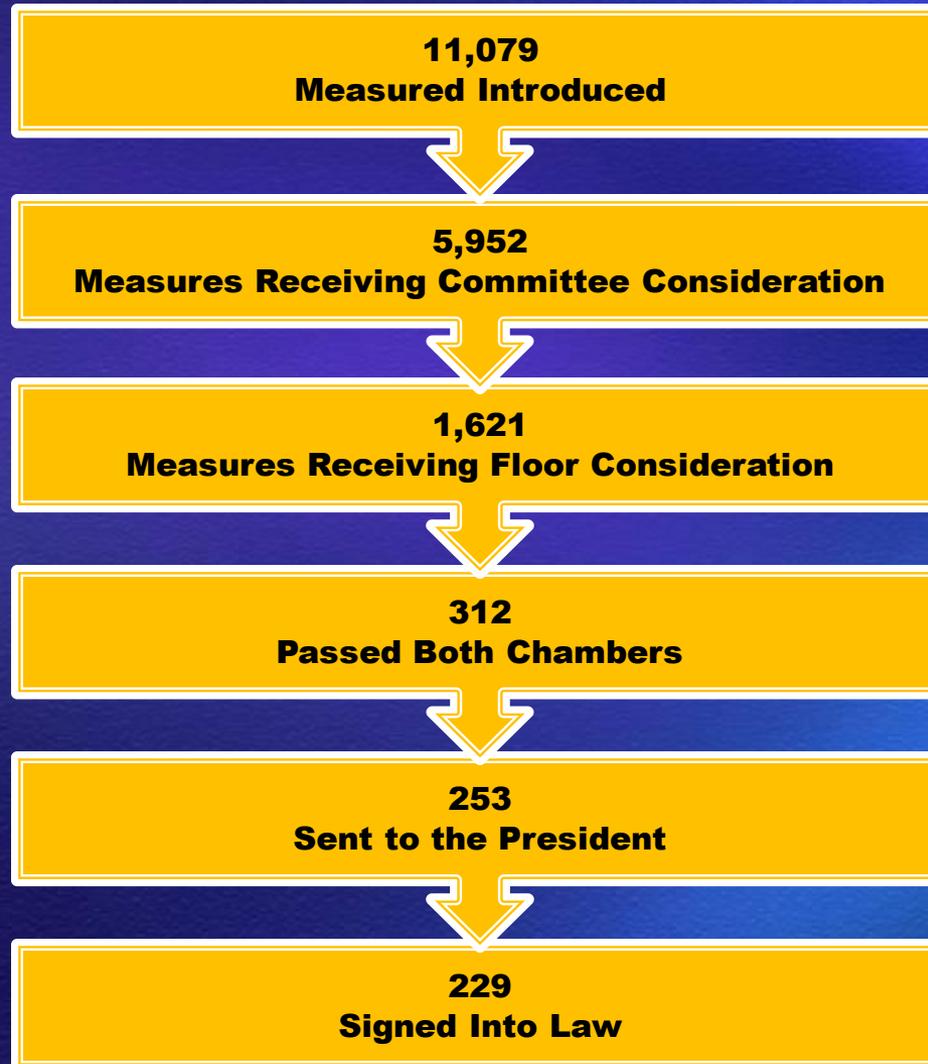
Never an easy task:

## LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW SINCE THE 104<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

*(Harry Truman's "Do Nothing Congress" approved 906 measures)*



# Enacting Legislation in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress



# Federal Funding -- FY2017 Budget Proposal

- President's Budget

- “President proposes, Congress disposes”.
- Administration budget figures seldom align with actual spending.

| <b>PROGRAM</b> | <b>FY2015 *</b><br>Administration/Enacted | <b>FY2016 *</b><br>Administration/Enacted | <b>FY2017 *</b><br>Administration/Enacted |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| US&R           | \$27.513 / \$35.180                       | \$27,513 / \$35.180                       | \$27.5 / ?                                |
| USFA           | \$41.407 / \$44.0                         | \$41.407 / \$44.0                         | \$40.811 / ?                              |
| AFG/SAFER      | \$670 / \$680                             | \$670 / \$690                             | \$670 / ?                                 |

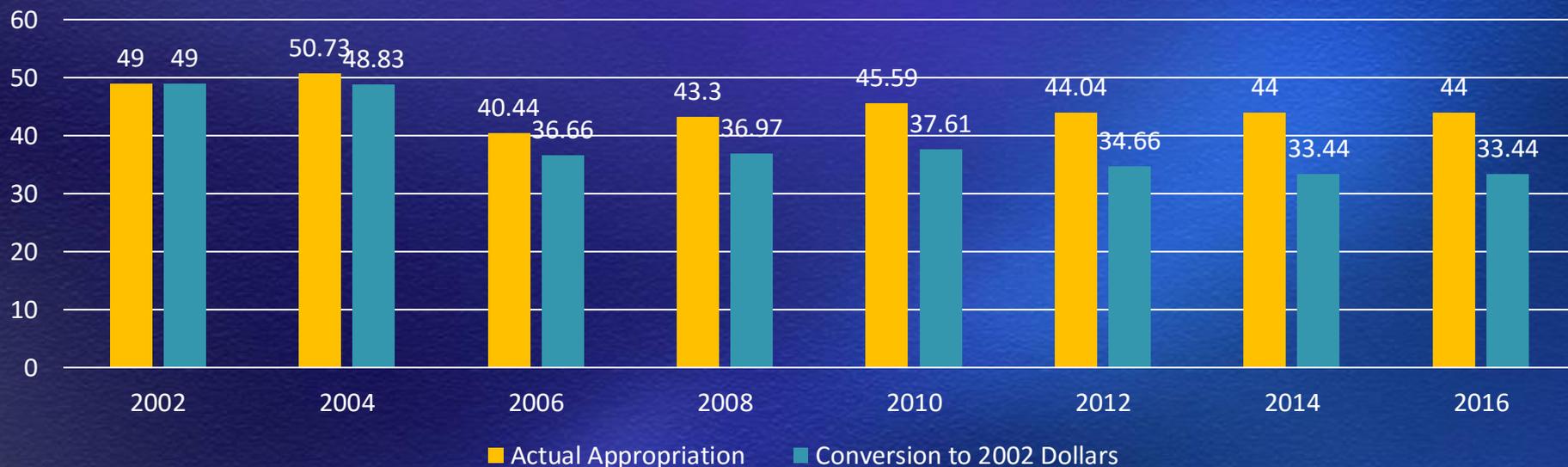
**\* Funding in millions**

# Appropriations -- Funding trend for USFA

- United States Fire Administration

- America Burning: The National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control recommended \$124.84 million for the United States Fire Administration in 1973
- This figure equals approximately \$660 million in today's dollars
- USFA is currently authorized at \$76.49 million

**USFA FUNDING LEVELS SINCE 2002**



# Appropriations --

## Major Funding Priorities for the Fire Service for FY17

- Appropriations Requests
  - United States Fire Administration – seeking \$45.6 million, which would restore funding to FY11 levels
  - Urban Search and Rescue Services – seeking \$50 million
  - AFG/SAFER Grant Program – seeking \$810 million, which would restore funding to FY11 levels and takes into account the increased cost of equipment and apparatus
  - The national fire service organizations have issued letters of request and conducted meetings with congressional staff to advocate for these funding levels

# Federal Funding -- Appropriations...

- Status of FY2017 Appropriations
  - Congress is expected to approve 12 appropriations bills each year to fund federal agencies and federal programs – this does not include funding for mandatory programs including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid
  - Since 1977, Congress and the White House have completed work on appropriations legislation just three times – 1989, 1995, and 1997
  - Congress approved a Continuing Resolution to fund the government through December 9<sup>th</sup>. Congress will reconvene for a Lame Duck session following the November elections to complete work on appropriations legislation for the duration of Fiscal Year 2017.
  - CR allows federal government to maintain existing operation; cannot initiate new programs

# AFG/SAFER Reauthorization --

- Sunset provision in last reauthorization legislation will eliminate the AFG/SAFER programs on January 2, 2018
- Fire Organizations are conducting preliminary discussions on AFG/SAFER reauthorization legislation. Major work in developing legislative proposal on Capitol Hill will begin at the start of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Seeking limited changes to the existing authorization
  - Remove sunset provision
  - Extend reauthorization to 2022
  - Make minor technical changes (SAFER waivers, etc)
- Committees of Jurisdiction
  - House Science and Technology
    - Fire organization have conducted preliminary discussions with committee staff
  - Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs
    - Uncertainty about committee make-up...will GOP or Dems have control?

# WORKING BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL AISLE: It Makes Good Sense

|                  |                      |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>1999-2001</b> | <b>55/45</b>         | <b>223/211/1</b> | <b>Clinton</b> |
| <b>2001-2003</b> | <b>50/49/1</b>       | <b>220/213/2</b> | <b>Bush</b>    |
| <b>2003-2005</b> | <b>51/48/1</b>       | <b>229/205/1</b> | <b>Bush</b>    |
| <b>2005-2007</b> | <b>55/44/1</b>       | <b>233/201/1</b> | <b>Bush</b>    |
| <b>2007-2009</b> | <b>49/49/2</b>       | <b>233/202</b>   | <b>Bush</b>    |
| <b>2009-2011</b> | <b>56-58/42-40/2</b> | <b>257/178</b>   | <b>Obama</b>   |
| <b>2011-2013</b> | <b>51/47/2</b>       | <b>242/193</b>   | <b>Obama</b>   |
| <b>2013-2015</b> | <b>53/45/2</b>       | <b>234/201</b>   | <b>Obama</b>   |
| <b>2015-2017</b> | <b>54/44/2</b>       | <b>247/188</b>   | <b>Obama</b>   |
|                  |                      |                  |                |

# Making A Difference At The National Level

- Post-Election Analysis...activities and outcomes to monitor
  - New Administration
    - Selection of key officials
      - DHS Secretary, FEMA Director and Fire Administrator
      - Need to establish new working relationships
  - Congress
    - Outcome in the Senate
      - Majority control – Republican or Democratic
      - Could be a complete change in committee chairmanships
    - Outcome in the House
      - Likelihood of change in political control -- a tall order
      - Will monitor how retirements and term limitations for committee chairs will impact committee chairmanships
    - Congressional Fire Services Caucus
      - Caucus recruitment...need fire service to become engaged in caucus recruitment

# Congressional Fire Services Caucus

*Working together to advocate for the fire service*

- Established in 1987 by former member of Congress, Curt Weldon, a retired fire chief from Marcus Hook, PA
- One of the largest and most active caucuses on Capitol Hill with over 240 members. A bipartisan caucus with the primary mission of encouraging members of Congress to increase their understanding about the fire service and the federal programs that benefit them
- Need support from the entire fire service – including industry – to increase Fire Caucus membership in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress

## Congressional Fire Services Caucus Leadership



Senator John  
McCain (AZ)



Senator Tom  
Carper (DE)



Senator Susan  
Collins (ME)



Senator Jon Tester  
(MT)



Congressman Bill  
Pascrell, Jr. (NJ)



Congressman  
Peter King (NY)



Congressman  
Steny Hoyer  
(MD)



Congressman  
Dave Reichert  
(WA)

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# “FORGING NEW RELATIONSHIPS”

29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Fire and Emergency  
Services Symposium and Dinner

April 5-6, 2017

Washington, DC

Call for Proposals – Contact Sean Carroll

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Sponsorship Opportunities – Contact Steven Tramell

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# NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

October 9, 2016

Emittsburg, Maryland

- Honoring 112 Fallen Firefighters
  - 79 firefighters from 2015
  - 33 firefighters from previous years
    - 22 FDNY Post 9/11 World Trade Center Cancer Deaths



*Congressional Flag Presentation  
Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol  
September 28th*

# CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

TRIBUTE TO

FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANUFACTURERS AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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FIRE APPARATUS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

By

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TRIBUTE TO THE FIRE AND  
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AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION  
AND THE FIRE APPARATUS  
MANUFACTURERS'  
ASSOCIATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association (FEMSA) and the 70th Anniversary of the Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA). In advance of their joint conference in Nashville, TN on October 5th, I would like to personally extend my congratulations to both organizations in recognition of their distinguished legacies. Both of these organizations bring their members together to discuss ideas on how best to provide the needed tools, equipment, educational materials, and apparatus that enable our nation's firefighters and emergency

services personnel to perform their missions safely and more effectively.

The brave men and women serving in our nation's fire and emergency services put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities. Every year the fire service industry does everything it can to reduce the threat of injury and death for these heroes. While members of both FEMSA and FAMA compete with each other for business, these two associations have served a critical role in bringing fire service companies together to advance important issues to the industry and the fire service as a whole.

The fire service industry is vast, comprised of both large and small companies. These companies are located in nearly every state in our nation, including my home state of New Jersey. They provide thousands of well-paying jobs to highly skilled and trained workers. Some bear a family name and are guided by new generations of family members who possess the same values and work ethics as the founders themselves, while others are large companies

providing a broad range of technologies and equipment.

Thanks to the great work being done by FAMA and FEMSA, the fire service industry has been bolstered by individual companies working collectively to develop new technologies and training methods. Next week marks two important anniversary milestones for the fire service industry. I extend my congratulations to both the Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association and the Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association. I encourage both organizations to continue their important missions as we all work together to make the fire service industry a safer profession for all who serve.



**WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN  
CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT  
THE NATIONAL LEVEL**





**THANK YOU**

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