



CFSI UPDATE: 2016 FAMA/FEMSA CONFERENCE

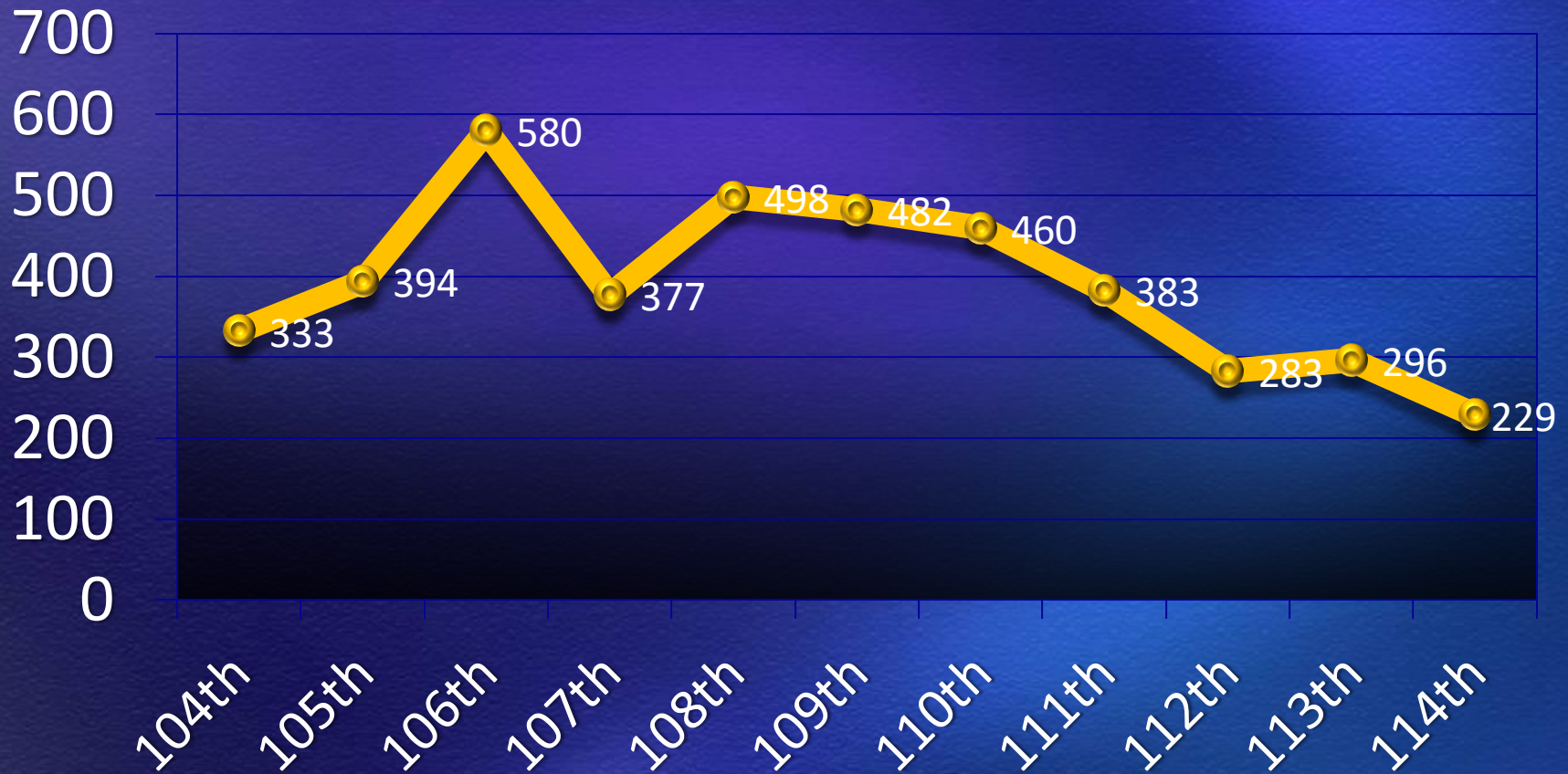
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ENACTING LEGISLATION:

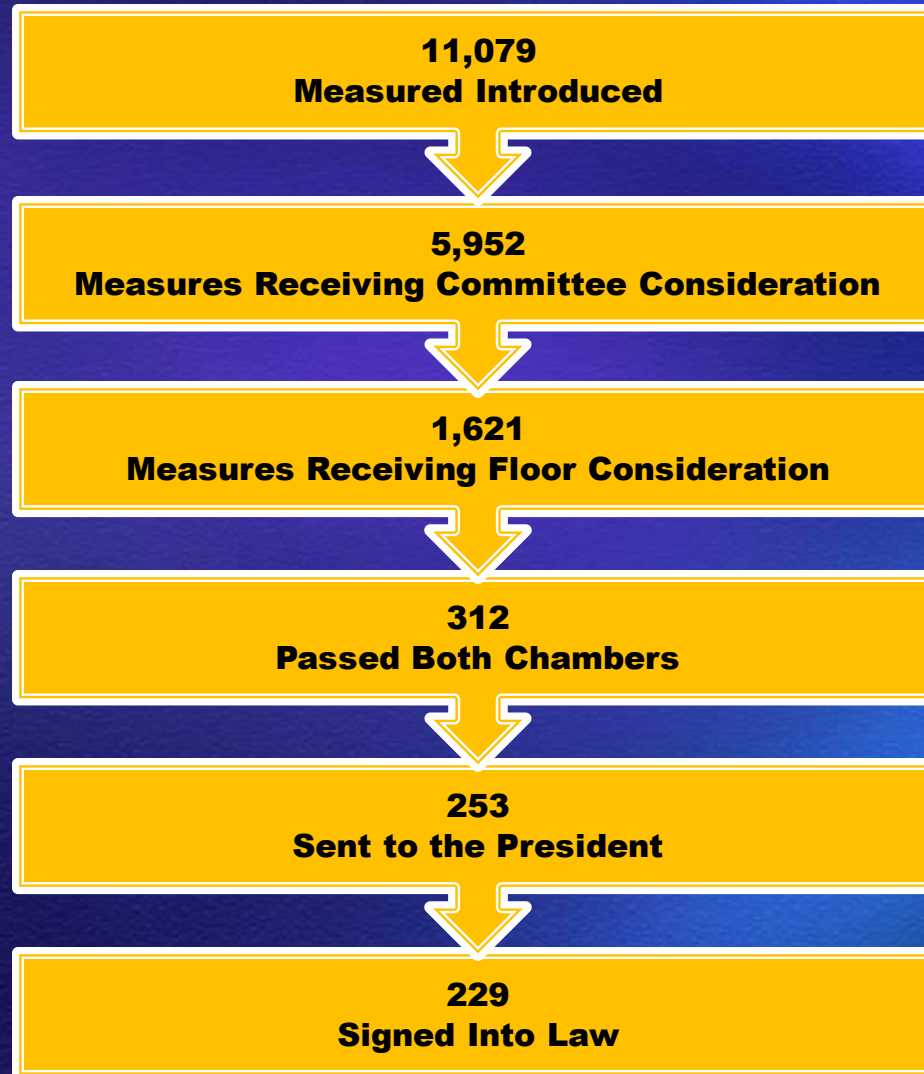
Never an easy task:

LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW SINCE THE 104th CONGRESS

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



Enacting Legislation in the 114th Congress



Federal Funding -- FY2017 Budget Proposal

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

PROGRAM	FY2015 * Administration/Enacted	FY2016 * Administration/Enacted	FY2017 * 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 / ?

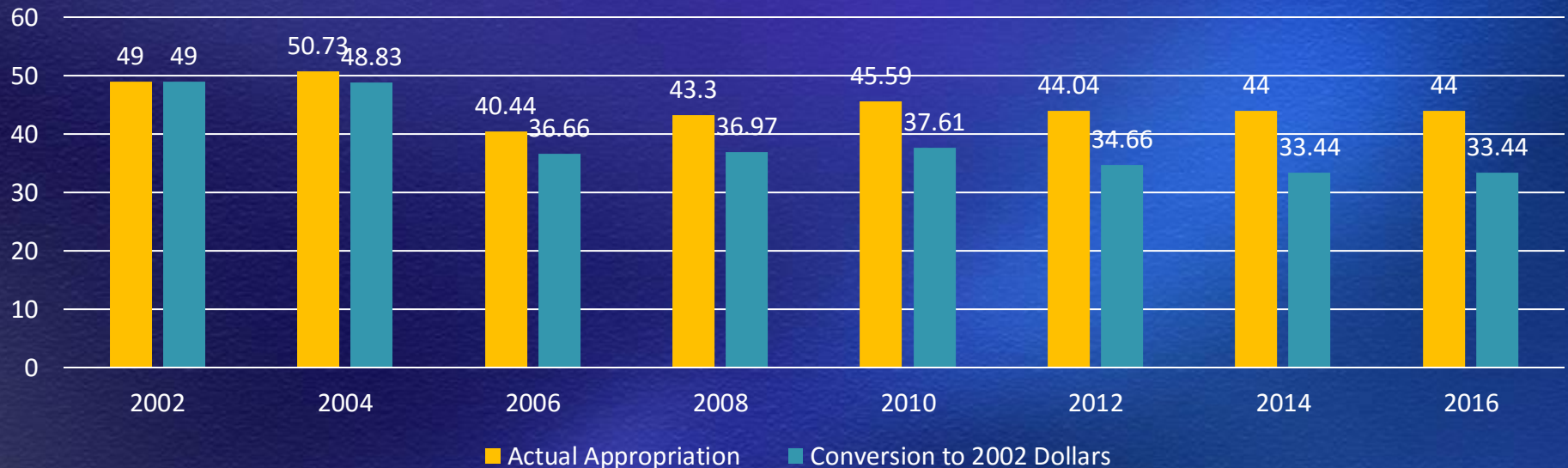
*** Funding in millions**

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 9th. 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 115th 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

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

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 115th 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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29th 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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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

&

FIRE APPARATUS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

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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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