

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Fire Programs for State Fiscal Year 2025**

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### Description of Agency or Boards

The Department of Fire Programs is a nationally accredited entity in Virginia that provides training programs for both career and volunteer emergency responders throughout the commonwealth. The agency, in collaboration with the Virginia Fire Services Board, provides financial assistance to Virginia's fire services through the distribution of the Aid-to-Localities grant program as well as through various other grant programs (i.e. Live Fire Training Structure grant). The State Fire Marshal's Office has the responsibility of protecting life and property for the citizens of the commonwealth through the utilization of inspectors to complete fire safety inspections; by conducting building plans reviews for fire safety measures; and by conducting construction inspections for fire safety systems in all state buildings.

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> VFSB-5	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Live Fire Training Structure (Burn Building) Project Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b> This project manual provides certain requirements for the construction of live fire training structures that receive funds from the Live Fire Training Structure Grant Program derived from the Fire Programs Fund. The manual also provides reference materials for purchasing and construction of each prototype as approved by the Virginia Fire Services Board.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Executive Order #19 (2022) requires executive branch agencies to reduce regulatory requirements by 25% or in length by 25%. This proposed change removes this document since the vast majority is reference only and not a binding requirement on the grant recipient. All necessary information was added to the Live Fire Training Structure Grant Policy (VFSB-2) for clarity.
<b>Expected Date</b>	August 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> VFSB-2	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Live Fire Training Structure Grants	
<b>Brief Overview</b> This guide is intended to provide potential grant applicants information on Live Fire Training Structure Grants provided by Department of Fire Programs, in consultation with the Virginia Fire Services Board as required by <i>Code of Virginia</i> § 38.2-401. Revisions are needed to reduce the length of the document to make information easier to understand for potential applicants.	
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<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	Executive Order #19 (2022) requires executive branch agencies to reduce regulatory requirements by 25% or in length by 25%. This proposed change removes the document in whole. In a review of language found in § 2.2-4101 and § 2.2-4101, the agency has determined that this document does not meet the definition of a guidance document. The Live Fire Training Structure Grant Program is a voluntary program and does not make any statement of general application. Applicants must comply if they voluntarily receive a grant.	
<b>Expected Date</b>	October 2024	

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> VFSB-3		
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Virginia Fire Incident Reporting (VFIRS) Hardware Grant		
<b>Brief Overview</b> This guide is intended to provide potential grant applicants information on the Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System Hardware Grants provided by Department of Fire Programs, in consultation with the Virginia Fire Services Board as required by <i>Code of Virginia</i> § 38.2-401. Revisions are needed to reduce the length of the document to make information easier to understand for potential applicants.		
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<b>Expected Date</b>	October 2024	

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> VFSB-4	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Regional Fire Services Training Policy	
<b>Brief Overview</b> This guide is intended to provide potential grant applicants information on the Regional Fire Services Grant provided by Department of Fire Programs, in consultation with the Virginia Fire Services Board as required by <i>Code of Virginia</i> § 38.2-401. Revisions are needed to reduce the length of the document to make information easier to understand for potential applicants.	
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<b>Expected Date</b>	October 2024

<b>Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)</b> VFSB-6	
<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Conference and Education Assistance Grant	
<b>Brief Overview</b> This guide is intended to provide potential grant applicants information on the Conference and Education Assistance Grant provided by Department of Fire Programs, in consultation with the Virginia Fire Services Board as required by <i>Code of Virginia</i> § 38.2-401. Revisions are needed to reduce the length of the document to make information easier to understand for potential applicants.	
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