

What's New In The 2010 AFG Program

- There are a few minor changes between the 2009 and the 2010 AFG Program.
- There will be continued emphasis on procurement integrity in 2010.
- There will be some minor program guidance formatting changes.

Modifications to Facilities

Activities involving modifications to facilities are subject to all applicable environmental and historic preservation requirements.

Applicants seeking assistance to modify their facilities may undergo additional screening.

DHS is required to ascertain to what degree the proposed modifications to fire stations or facilities might affect an applicant's structures relative to the National Environmental Policy Act; National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended; National Flood Insurance Program regulations; and, any other applicable laws and Executive Orders.

No project can proceed – except for project planning – prior to formal DHS approval. Noncompliance with this provision may jeopardize an applicant's award and subsequent funding.

Note: We do not fund modifications to facilities built after 2003.

EMS

- **We have added EMS billing to the budget. From what I have been told AFG wants both income and expenses for your annual budget.**
- **For Characteristics II, we now ask how many ambulances.**

Vehicle Payments

As required in the two previous grant years, FY 2010 AFG vehicle awardees are required to obtain a advanced payment bond if the grantee advances funds to a manufacturer.

Also, the grantee must include in their vehicle purchase contract specific performance requirements and penalties for noncompliance with the requirements.

NFPA 1002, Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications, 2009 Edition

Chapter 1 Administration

1.4 General.

1.4.2 The fire department driver/operator shall be subject to periodic medical evaluation, as required by [NFPA 1500](#), Section 10.1, Medical Requirements, to determine that the driver/operator is medically fit to perform the duties of a fire department vehicle driver/operator.

NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, 2007 Edition

Chapter 10 Medical Physical Requirements

10.1 Medical Requirements.

10.1.1 Candidates shall be medically evaluated and qualified for duty by the fire department physician.

10.1.2 Medical evaluations shall take into account the risks and the functions associated with the individual's duties and responsibilities.

10.1.3 Candidates and members who will engage in fire suppression shall meet the medical requirements specified in [NFPA 1582](#), *Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments*.

10.1.4 Fire departments that operate their own fixed wing or rotary aircraft shall require fire department pilots who perform fire-fighting operations from the air to maintain a commercial Class 1 medical examination in conformance with Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) regulations for commercial pilots.

10.1.5* Members who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not participate in any fire department operations or other duties.

Annex Explanatory Material

A.3.3.39 Fire Suppression. Fire suppression includes all activities performed at the scene of a fire incident or training exercise that expose fire department members to the dangers of heat, flame, smoke, and other products of combustion, explosion, or structural collapse.