

**“Fire, Other” NOT an automatic option on NFIRS reports!
Over 1,300 code “100”s entered between 1/1/07 and 8/18/08**

WV fire departments are being notified that choosing incident type code 100 (Fire, other) is *NOT acceptable* when entering and submitting your reports. This is too general a code designation and is being used by too many FD’s, resulting in data that is useless to us in terms of specific data that helps us create an accurate picture of fire and other life safety problems here in our state.

Some departments use “Fire, other” either as a quick “easy way out” to avoid searching for the correct code, or because the NFIRS reporter genuinely does not know which code to use.

Do not contribute to this problem by automatically selecting the “Fire, other” code, or for that matter, ANY of the incident codes that denote “other”.

Within each series of codes, there is one listed usually at the end of the list that can be chosen **ONLY** when none of the preceding options fit the description of the incident.

Some examples of code numbers containing “other”:

- 130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, **other.**
- 210 Overpressure rupture from steam, **other.**
- 340 Search for lost person, **other.**
- 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, **other.**
- 510 Person in distress, **other.**

Without more accurate coding, we are unable to provide state and local statistics on fire causes, emergency response, and other data which is used for our annual report, public education resources, program support, grants, and much more.

If you are unable to determine what the incident code should be for a particular report, just call the Public Education Division.

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