



National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Aid Given or Received Cheat Sheet

Two conditions must be true in order for a fire department to code an incident report as aid given or received:

1. The aid involved another fire department.
2. Both fire departments arrived on scene of the the incident.

Aid Given or Received Code	Description	Required Data
1 - Mutual Aid Received	Includes a fire department receiving aid from an outside fire department upon requesting a response from that outside fire department.	Complete the Basic Module and any other relevant modules.
2 - Automatic Aid Received	Includes a fire department receiving aid from an outside fire department that was dispatched automatically based on a prior agreement between the two agencies.	Complete the Basic Module and any other relevant modules.
3 - Mutual Aid Given	Includes aid given to an outside fire department upon request of that outside fire department.	<p>The information on the Basic module through the Resources section must be completed. If a fire service casualty from your agency occurs, then also complete the Casualties section on the Basic Module and the Fire Service Casualty Module.</p> <p>The remainder of the Basic module and any other modules associated with the incident are not required. The information not captured by the department giving aid is captured by the department that received aid for that incident.</p>
4 - Automatic Aid Given	Includes fire departments automatically dispatched to give aid to an outside fire department based on a prior agreement between the two agencies.	Complete the same information as a Mutual Aid Given incident.
5 - Other Aid Given	Includes a fire department responding to another jurisdiction or locale that has no fire department. Use when there is no other lead agency on scene.	Complete the Basic Module and any relevant modules.
N – No Aid Given or Received	Includes incidents where only one fire department was on scene.	Complete the Basic Module and any relevant modules.

Note: If you enter data into a module, you must complete the required fields within that module and any other newly required data. For instance, adding Wildland Module information will make the Controlled Date and Time required in the Basic Module.

Additional Coding Rules:

If a fire department is called to assist another fire department but gets canceled before arriving at the scene, no aid is given or received because both fire departments are not at the incident.

If a fire department receives help from a non-fire service EMS department, no aid is given or received because the EMS department is not a fire department.

If a fire department is dispatched from its station to handle an incident in another jurisdiction because the other fire department is unavailable, no aid is given or received because both fire departments are not at the incident. Only the fire department that responds to the incident completes an NFIRS report.

If a fire department is filling-in at another fire department's station and responds to a vehicle fire, no aid is given or received because the department that is covering becomes resources of the other department; only one fire department is at the incident. The department that is filling-in completes only one NFIRS report for its FDID during its stay at the other department's station: a cover assignment (Incident Type 571). All incidents during the cover assignment are recorded under the other department's FDID.