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Report on National
Commission for Fire &
Emergency Services
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1. National Commission for Fire & Emergency Services:

Need has been felt for National Fire Services Commission to monitor and evaluate the working of the Fire & Emergency services and to make recommendations to the appropriate authority.

The Commission's primary purpose is to minimise the social, economic and environmental impact of fire on the community through provision of a rapid and effective response to fire, and other emergencies and through the delivery of a broad range of fire prevention and safety programmes.

The Commission is also responsible for road accidents rescue, managing incidents involving hazardous materials, providing an urban search and rescue (USAR) capability to manage the rescue of people from collapsed buildings and structures and providing a rescue/ mitigation response to terrorist incidents involving chemical, biological and radiological agents.

The Commission shall consist of 26 members appointed as follows:

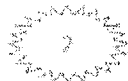
1. Retired Judge of Supreme/ High Court as Chairman;
2. Retired Secretary (Home, Urban Development);
3. One member representing MHA (Joint Secy. (DM)
4. DC FS, CD & HQ
5. NIDM/ NDMA (Jt. Secy. P P)
6. Head of Fire Services (J&K, Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal, Gujarat, Assam)
7. Fire Advisor;

8. Ministry of Environment and Forest
9. MoNG and Petroleum
10. BIS
11. Director NFSC
12. Civil Aviation
13. Atomic Energy
14. CISF
15. Defence
16. IFE
17. NAFFO
18. One representative from Public
19. Two Fire Fighters
20. CMR;
21. BPE
22. PNGRB;
23. *M.N. A. Rly.*
24. Shipping.

2. Terms of Reference of the Fire & Emergency Services Commission:

To study and recommend:

- How the county can achieve and maintain effective, efficient and equitable fire, rescue, and emergency services in the county.
- To suggest the policy, planning, and regulatory framework for all fire, rescue and emergency service;



- To advise the Heads of Fire & Emergency Servicesⁿ and controlling authorities on any matter relating to fire, rescue and other emergencies;
- To review and make recommendations regarding the master plan for fire, rescue and emergency services;
- To recommend the standards, procedures, plans and programmes that should apply to all fire, rescue and emergency services;
- To recommend guidelines for curriculum and programmes of the Fire Training Academy and other training programmes for fire and emergency service employees, volunteers and public;
- To recommend and comment on legislation, regulations and policies that apply to or affect the Fire and Emergency Services;
- To review and recommend any appropriate changes in communications and despatch procedures for fire & emergency communication centres;
- To promote coordination with other national emergency management agencies and activities;
- A detailed assessment of existing and needed resources within the Fire & Emergency Services including capital needs for training facilities, funding options for facilities and oversight and administration of any training facilities;
- A detailed assessment of expected resource needs in the fire and Emergency services and recommendations for funding those needs, including an evaluation of the appropriate level for the fire premium tax;



- An evaluation of existing prevention, fire suppression, fire safety and fire training strategies, and fire training strategies and programmes, including recommendations for improvements, new programmes and strategies, funding options for training and oversight and administration of any training funds;
- Recommendations for effective management of resources within the Fire & Emergency Services;
- Recommendations for enhancing the collection and distribution of fire data, particularly as these data relate to increasing the fire protection service's capacity to fight fires and save lives;
- Recommendations for recruitment and retention of volunteers, including a length-of-service incentive programme for volunteer fire-fighters;
- Recommendations for creating a health insurance bridge for retired career fire-fighters;
- Recommendations for creating a fund to be used to provide a medical cover and death benefit for fire-fighters and emergency services persons who die in the line of duty;
- Recommendations regarding fire investigation and inspection needs of the Fire and Emergency services;
- To Recommend regarding grants available for fire training and fire protection needs;
- Develop rules of procedure necessary to carry out its duties. Rules adopted;

- Conduct public hearings, conferences, workshops and other meetings to obtain information about and discuss and publicize the needs of and solutions to problems concerning the Fire & Emergency Services;
- Assist all Governmental agencies with fire fighter training and education responsibilities to enhance their delivery of services to fire prevention, Fire protection and life safety professionals, including volunteer fire service members; and
- Submit proposed legislation to the legislature to implement any recommendations of the commission;