

SECTION F

F Actions Taken ☆

☛ Actions Taken was known as Type of Action Taken in NFIRS 4.1.

Definition

The duties performed at the incident scene by the responding fire department personnel.

Purpose

These data elements, together with Incident Type, enable a fire department to document the breadth of activities and the resources required by the responding fire department to effectively handle the incident. This information also provides some indication of the specific types of services provided by the fire department.

Entry

The Actions Taken field(s) is required for all incidents where actions were taken, including “investigation only.” Enter the two-digit codes and descriptions for up to three of the *most significant* actions taken at the scene of the incident. Specific actions may include extinguishing fires, forcible entry, providing first aid, identifying and analyzing hazardous materials, and transporting the injured. The action may involve simply standing by at an incident for possible service.

Be as specific as possible in stating the action taken. The Additional Action Taken fields are optional. If this is a HazMat incident and the HazMat Module is being completed, list the non-HazMat actions taken in this field and the Actions Taken specific to handling the hazardous materials incident in the HazMat Module.

- ☛ The Primary Action Taken is the most significant action taken by the fire department at the scene (i.e., use the code with the lowest numerical value). This is a required field.
- ☛ When canceled en route, enter code 93, “Canceled en route;” in the case, the Incident Type (Section C) must be code 611.

Example

The fire department extinguished the fire (11), provided first aid to a fire victim (31), and overhauled the fire scene (12):

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1 1	Extinguished the fire
Primary Action Taken (1)	
3 1	Provided first aid
Additional Action Taken (2)	
1 2	Overhauled the scene
Additional Action Taken (3)	

ACTIONS TAKEN CODES**Fire Control or Extinguishment**

- 11 Extinguishment by fire service personnel.
- 12 Salvage and overhaul.
- 13 Establish fire lines around wildfire perimeter. Includes clearing firebreaks using direct, indirect, and burnout tactics as appropriate.
- 14 Contain fire (wildland). Includes taking suppression action that can reasonably be expected to check the fire spread under prevailing and predicted conditions.
- 15 Confine fire (wildland). Includes when fire crews or resources stop the forward progress of a fire but have not put in all control lines.
- 16 Control fire (wildland). Includes when fire crews or resources completely surround the fire perimeter with control lines; extinguish any spot fires; burn any area adjacent to the fire side of the control lines; and cool down all hot spots that are immediate threats to the control line, until the lines can reasonably be expected to hold under foreseeable conditions.
- 17 Manage prescribed fire (wildland).
- 10 Fire control or extinguishment, other.

Search and Rescue

- 21 Search for lost or missing person. Includes animals.
- 22 Rescue, remove from harm. Excludes vehicle extrication (23).
- 23 Extrication or disentangling of a person. Excludes body recovery (24).
- 24 Recover body or body parts.
- 20 Search and rescue, other.

EMS and Transport

- 31 Provide first aid and check for injuries. Medical evaluation of patient.
- 32 Provide basic life support (BLS).
- 33 Provide advanced life support (ALS).
- 34 Transport of person from scene in fire service ambulance or apparatus.
- 30 Emergency medical services, other.

Hazardous Condition

- 41 Identification, analysis of hazardous materials.
- 42 Hazardous materials detection, monitoring, sampling, and analysis using a variety of detection instruments including combustible gas indicators (CGIs) or explosimeter, oxygen monitors, colorimetric tubes, specific chemical monitors, and others. Results from these devices must be analyzed to provide information about the hazardous nature of the material or environment.
- 43 Hazardous materials spill control and confinement. Includes confining or diking hazardous materials. These are actions taken to confine the product released to a limited area including the use of absorbents, damming/diking, diversion of liquid runoff, dispersion, retention, or vapor suppression.
- 44 Hazardous materials leak control and containment. Includes actions taken to keep a material within its container, such as plugging/patching operations, neutralization, pressure isolation/reduction, solidification, and vacuuming.
- 45 Remove hazard. Includes neutralizing a hazardous condition.
- 46 Decontaminate persons or equipment. Includes actions taken to prevent the spread of contaminants from the "hot zone" to the "cold zone." This includes gross, technical, or advanced personal decontamination of victims, emergency responders, and equipment.
- 47 Decontamination of occupancy or area exposed to hazardous materials.
- 48 Remove hazardous materials. Includes a broad range of actions taken to remove hazardous materials from a damaged container or contaminated area. Examples of actions to remove hazards include product offload/transfer, controlled burning or product flaring, venting, and overpacking.
- 40 Hazardous condition, other.

Fires, Rescues, and Hazardous Conditions

- 51 Ventilate. Includes nonhazardous odor removal and removal of smoke from nonhazardous materials-related fires.
- 52 Forcible entry, performed by fire service. Includes support to law enforcement.
- 53 Evacuate area. Removal of civilians from an area determined to be hazardous. Includes actions taken to isolate the contaminated area and/or evacuate those persons affected by a hazardous materials release or potential release.
- 54 Determine if the materials released are nonhazardous through product identification and environmental monitoring.
- 55 Establish safe area. Includes isolating the area affected by denying entry to unprotected persons and establishing hazard control zones (hot, warm, cold).
- 56 Provide air supply.
- 57 Provide light or electrical power.
- 58 Operate apparatus or vehicle.
- 50 Fires, rescues, and hazardous conditions, other.

Systems and Services

- 61 Restore municipal services. Includes turning water back on and notifying the gas company to turn the gas on.
- 62 Restore sprinkler or fire protection system.
- 63 Restore fire alarm system. Includes restoring fire alarm systems monitored by the fire service.
- 64 Shut down system. Includes shutting down water, gas, and fire alarm systems.
- 65 Secure property. Includes property conservation activities such as covering broken windows or holes in roofs.
- 66 Remove water or control flooding condition.
- 60 Systems and services, other.

Assistance

- 71 Assist physically disabled. Includes providing nonmedical assistance to physically disabled, handicapped, or elderly citizens.
- 72 Assist animal. Includes animal rescue, extrication, removal, or transport.
- 73 Provide manpower. Includes providing manpower to assist rescue/ambulance units lift patients or providing manpower to assist police.
- 74 Provide apparatus.
- 75 Provide equipment, where equipment is used by another agency.
- 76 Provide water. Includes tanker shuttle operations and pumping in a relay or from a water source. Excludes normal fire suppression operations.
- 77 Control crowd. Includes restricting pedestrian access to an area. Excludes control of vehicles (78).
- 78 Control traffic. Includes setting up barricades and directing traffic.
- 79 Assess damage from severe weather or the results of a natural disaster.
- 70 Assistance, other.

Information, Investigation, and Enforcement

- 81 Incident command. Includes providing support to incident command activities.
- 82 Notify other agencies. Includes notifications of utility companies, property owners, and the like.
- 83 Provide information to the public or media.
- 84 Refer to proper authority. Includes turnover of incidents to other authorities or agencies such as the police.
- 85 Enforce fire code and other codes. Includes response to public complaints and abatement of code violations.
- 86 Investigate. Includes investigations done on arrival to determine the situation and post-incident investigations; and collecting incident information for incident reporting purposes.
- 87 Investigate. Fire out on arrival.
- 80 Information, investigation, and enforcement, other.

Fill-in, Standby

- 91 Fill in, move up to another fire station.
- 92 Standby.
- 93 Canceled en route.
- 00 Actions taken, other.
- 90 Fill-in, standby, other.