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**This bulletin was sent to the following groups of people:**

Subscribers of Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (58113 recipients)

A banner for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. On the left, the FEMA logo is displayed, featuring an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows, with the text 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY' and 'FEMA' below it. To the right of the logo, the text 'AFG Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program' is written in white on a dark blue background. On the far right, there is a photograph of a firefighter's helmet and gear. Below the banner, a dark blue bar contains two white bullet points: 'FY 2013 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE' and 'SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT'.

## **FY 2013 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE**

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FEMA is currently providing technical assistance to help organizations prepare for the upcoming FY 2013 application period schedule to run later this fall. Workshops are designed to provide valuable information and insights to potential applicants understand the FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, and its funding priorities.

### **Workshops will be delivered by two methods:**

- Live Presentations
- Conference Call with Webinar.

### **View Schedule by FEMA Region**

The schedule is dynamic and workshops will be added, repeated and varied in day and time to allow for the widest possible participation and anticipated demand. The online schedule is updated frequently, so check back often, or contact your local FEMA Regional Fire Program Specialists for the current schedule in your area.

- [FY 2013 AFG Workshops Schedule](#)

### **Presentation topics will include:**

- Programmatic changes since FY 2012
- Funding priorities
- AFG funding opportunities

- Application evaluation criteria
- SAM.gov registration

### **Live Workshops**

- Registration is **not required to attend**.
- Each workshop is approximately 2 hours in length

### **Conference Call with Webinar Workshops**

- Registration is required to participate
- Each workshop is approximately 1 - 2 hours in length
- A toll free FEMA 800 conference call phone number with PIN will be provided after you register
- Selected workshops will also offer visual material via your web browser (Webinar).
- Download the workshop presentation in PDF

## **SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT**

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FY 2013 AFG applicants will be required to assert as part of their application that their department has an active registration within the System for Award Management (SAM), [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov). FY 2013 AFG applications will not be accepted without this assertion.

It is strongly recommended that all potential applicants validate that they have a current and active registration in SAM.gov, or register if they do not. The SAM.gov registration process may take up to 2 weeks to complete during peak activity times so don't delay.

### **To Obtain Help With SAM.gov:**

- **Visit the SAM.gov Website at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov).**
- Become familiar with SAM.gov.
- Read the available guides and FAQ's,
- Visit the [SAM Helpful Hints page](#), and the [Federal Service Desk](#) at [www.fsd.gov](http://www.fsd.gov)

**AFG Home Page:** [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)

**AFG Regional Representatives:** <http://www.fema.gov/fire-grant-contact-information>

**AFG Help Desk: E-mail:** [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov)

**Telephone Toll-Free:** 1-866-274-0960

