

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

HEARING CHARTER

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SUBJECT: Research and Technology Subcommittee hearing
“U.S. Fire Administration and Fire Grant Programs Reauthorization: Examining Effectiveness and Priorities”

The Subcommittee on Research and Technology of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled *U.S. Fire Administration and Fire Grant Programs Reauthorization: Examining Effectiveness and Priorities* on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Hearing Purpose:

The purpose of the hearing is to review the effectiveness and priorities of the United States Fire Administration and the Assistance to Firefighters (FIRE) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighters (SAFER) grant programs. The hearing will help inform potential legislation to address current program authorizations that expire on September 30, 2017.

Witness List

- **Dr. Denis Onieal**, Acting Administrator, United States Fire Administration
- **Chief John Sinclair**, President and Chair of the Board, International Association of Fire Chiefs; Fire Chief, Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue (WA)
- **Captain John Niemiec**, President, Fairfax County (VA) Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics - International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2068
- **Mr. Steve Hirsch**, First Vice Chair, National Volunteer Fire Council; Training Officer, Sheridan County Fire District #1, Thomas County Fire District #4, and Grinnell Fire Department (KS)
- **Dr. Gavin Horn**, Research Program Director, Illinois Fire Service Institute
- **Chief H. “Butch” Browning, Jr.**, President, National Association of State Fire Marshalls, Louisiana State Fire Marshall

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For questions related to the hearing, please contact Jenn Wickre of the Majority Staff at 202-225-6371.