



Community Risk
Reduction Division

FIRE FATALITY REPORTING POLICY AND USER GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

The Georgia Fire Fatality Reporting System ensures accurate, consistent statewide tracking of all fire-related deaths. This guide explains why reporting matters, who is responsible, and how to submit reports through the updated National Fire Fatality Data Hub.



WHY REPORTING FIRE FATALITIES IS IMPORTANT

Reporting fire fatalities helps Georgia:

- Understand who is at risk
- Identify common causes
- Create Community Risk Reduction (CRR) programs
- Guide code development and enforcement
- Track statewide progress in prevention efforts over time



REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

What Must Be Reported

- All fire fatalities occurring in the State of Georgia
- Includes deaths that occur after the incident if caused by injuries sustained in the fire

When to Report

- Must be submitted within 72 hours

Who Reports

- Local or State Fire Marshal
- If the State Fire Marshal's Office investigates the fatality, confirm who will submit the report

Where to Report

- Before March 15, 2026: LMS reporting system (Old reporting system)
- After March 15, 2026: NASFM National Reporting System (New reporting system)
- All fatalities must be reported to the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office within 72 hours

OVERVIEW OF NEW REPORTING SYSTEM

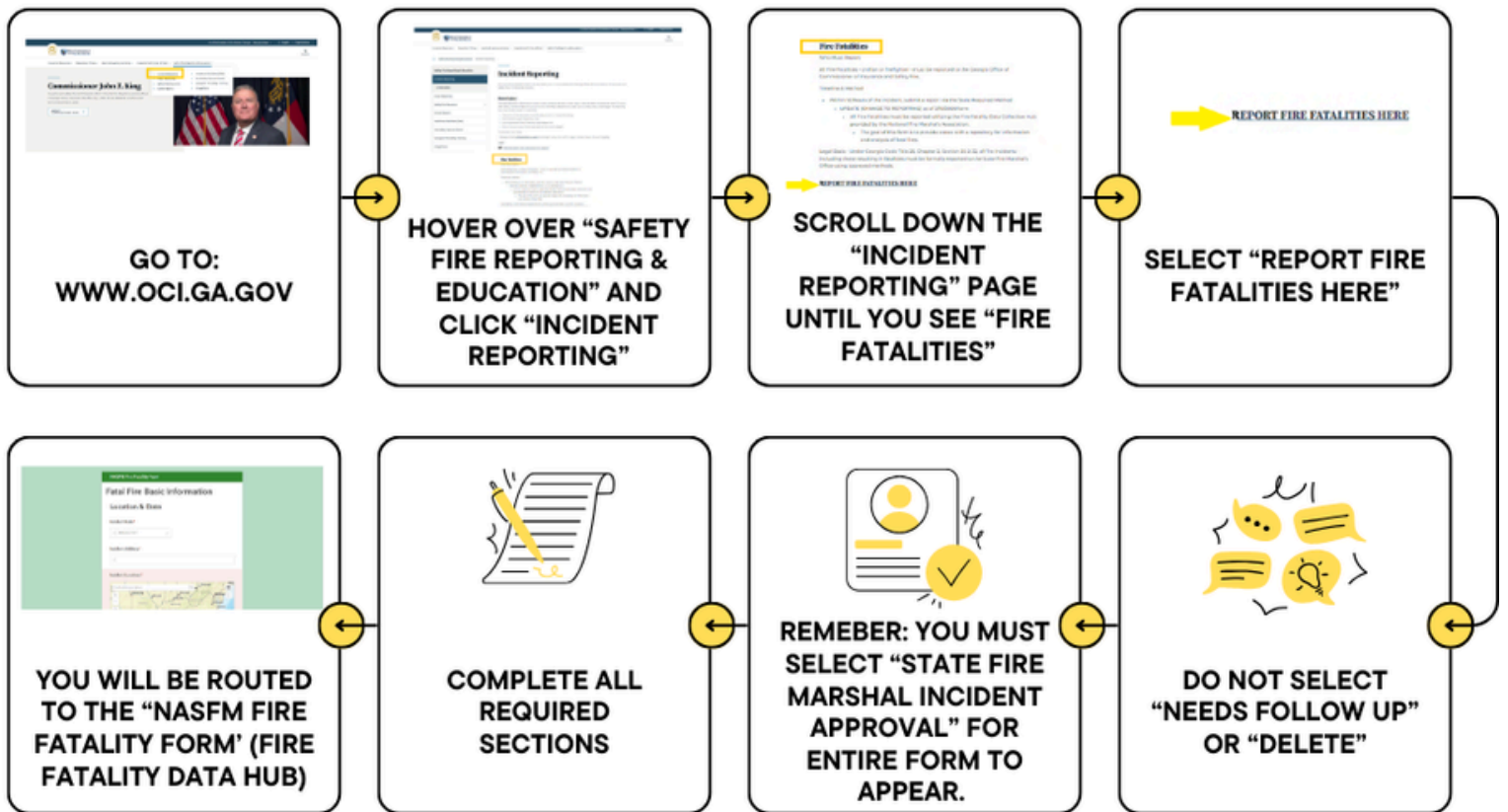
We work closely with the Georgia Association of State Fire Marshals, and this reporting system was made possible through a grant that NASFM diligently pursued from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In 2021, NASFM was awarded funding through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program-an initiative that has supported firefighters and first responders since 2001. This grant provides critically needed resources that protect both the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards, and it has played a key role in advancing this reporting system.

Thank you goes to the National Association of State Fire Marshals for all your hard work.



REPORTING WORK FLOW



Fire Fatality Data Point Overview



SECTION 1

LOCATION & DATE

- Incident Date
- Incident Address (ESRI-powered auto-fill)
- City, County, State
- Area Description (255-character text box)

SECTION 2

BASIC FIRE INFORMATION

- Was extreme weather a factor?
- Number of fatalities?
- Primary responding fire department
- Fire Department ID (NERIS ID)
- Fire Fatality ID (Use the incident number)
- Was hoarding a factor?
- Was medical oxygen present?
- Type of fire: Structure, Vehicle, Open Area, Wildland

SECTION 3

APPROVED

- Must select “Approved by State Fire Marshal” to continue with the application and all modules to appear.

SECTION 4

REPORTING MODULES

- Type of Fire
- Cause
- Incident
- Victim (Click +Add record for multiple victims)
- Survivor
- Notification & Reports
- Fire Marshal

KEY POINTS

- All fire fatalities must be reported
- Delayed deaths from fire-related injuries must be included
- Local or state investigators may submit—but coordinate to avoid duplicates
- *Before March 15, 2026* → LMS system
- *After March 15, 2026* → NASFM National System
- Do NOT re-submit older LMS cases into the new system



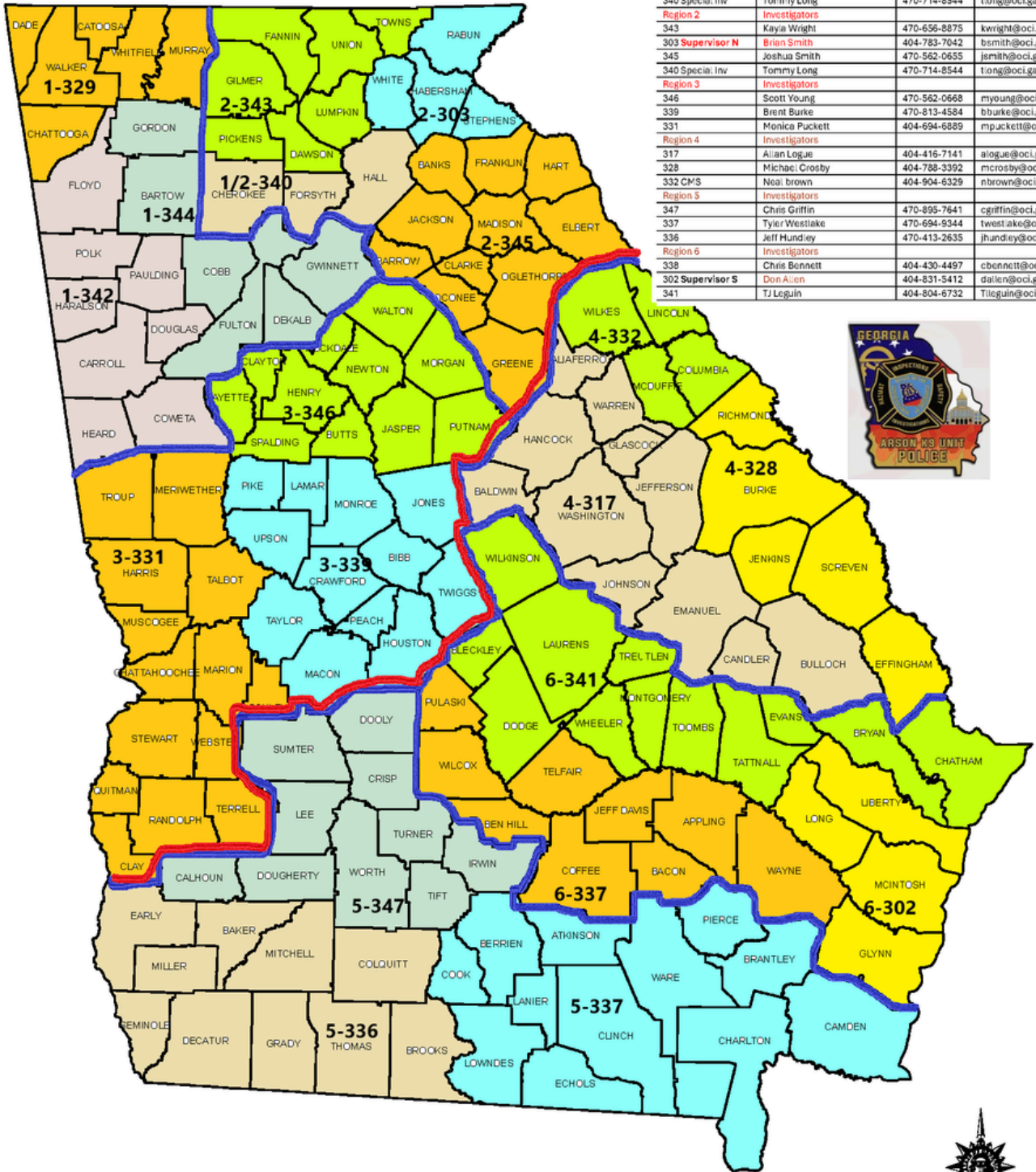
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