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**FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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This directive implements Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6055.06, *Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Program* and interfaces with Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 10-25, *Emergency Management*. This Department of the Air Force Policy Directive establishes the framework for how the Department of the Air Force (DAF) provides Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) to achieve its strategic objectives, fulfill its mission, support its programs, deliver its capabilities, and meet accountability obligations prescribed by statute. This publication applies to all military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Air Force to include the United States Space Force, Air Force Reserve (AFR), and the Air National Guard (ANG). This publication applies to contractors or other persons providing F&ES through the contract or legally binding agreement with the Department of the Air Force. AF/A4 approval is required before this document is changed, reissued, or rescinded. This AFRPD may not be supplemented. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility (OPR) using the DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route DAF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. Ensure all records generated as a result of processes prescribed in this publication adhere to Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and are disposed in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System.

## ***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This document has been updated to include Department of the Air Force civilian employees and uniformed members of the United States Space Force (USSF), the Regular Air Force, ARC full time and ANG DSG F&ES personnel.

**1. Background.** DoDI 6055.06 directs Department of Defense components to establish F&ES programs to minimize loss of life, damage to property, and the environment. It requires Department of Defense components to plan, program, and budget for F&ES requirements and to execute F&ES programs by implementing procedures to organize, train, and equip F&ES capability for each installation, site, or operation.

**2. Purpose.** Prescribe responsibilities and policies for Department of the Air Force F&ES programs.

**3. Policy.** It is Department of the Air Force policy that:

3.1. F&ES core level services are maintained commensurate with local and corporate risk factors.

3.2. F&ES programs are required at each installation, permanent and expeditionary. **Note:** Recommend removing the remainder of this paragraph, as this information will be found in requisite instructions and manuals.

3.3. F&ES will require professionally qualified F&ES staffs certified in accordance with Department of Defense Manual (DoDM) 6055.06, *Fire and Emergency Services Certification Program*.

3.4. F&ES provide fire service functions and support to USSF bases.

**4. Responsibilities.**

4.1. The Secretary of the Air Force will:

4.1.1. Provide broad policy and Department of the Air Force-wide performance oversight on a F&ES program.

4.1.2. Ensure commanders at all levels provide appropriate F&ES programs at all installations and during deployed military operations.

4.1.3. Ensure organizations comply with applicable federal, state, local, and Department of Defense requirements. Adapt and use applicable National Fire Protection Association standards as the foundation for F&ES operational policies.

4.1.4. Establish a fire prevention program at each installation to ensure compliance with fire prevention standards and educate personnel on fire prevention requirements.

4.1.5. Use available F&ES capabilities to assist national and civil authorities as prescribed in DoDI 6055.06 and DAFI 10-801, *Defense Support of Civil Authorities*.

4.1.6. Administer and maintain a Department of Defense Fire Academy and maintain the Department of Defense F&ES Certification Program (F&ESCP) in accordance with DoDM 6055.06.

4.1.7. Serve as the principal Department of the Air Force representative and advocate to congress, the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff, and other federal agencies.

4.2. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection will be responsible for the Department of the Air Force F&ES Program by the Secretary of the Air Force as outlined in Department of the Air Force Mission Directive (HAFMD) 1-38, *Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection*.

4.2.1. The Director of Civil Engineers (AF/A4C) will:

4.2.1.1. Provide strategy and policy, advocate for resources, conduct joint engagements, and oversee the F&ES Program.

4.2.1.2. Provide oversight of the organizing, training, and equipping of Civil Engineer F&ES personnel and functions.

4.2.1.3. Provide a Chief Master Sergeant to serve as the Career Field Manager for the F&ES career field.

4.2.2. The Department of the Air Force Fire Chief is assigned to AF/A4C and is the senior fire officer representative for the Department of the Air Force and serves as the Department of the Air Force representative on the Department of Defense F&ES Working Group.

4.2.3. Commander of Air Force Reserve Command is responsible for establishing, providing, and maintaining F&ES operation and programs at their installations that implement policies in this directive.

4.2.4. Director of the Air National Guard is responsible for establishing, providing, and maintaining F&ES operations and programs at their installations that implement policies in this directive.

Frank Kendall  
Secretary of the Air Force

## Attachment 1

### GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### **References**

42 *United States Code*, Chapter 103, *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980*, and as amended.

Department of Defense Instruction 5400.11-R *Department of Defense Privacy Program*, 14 May 2007

Department of Defense Instruction 6050.05, *Hazard Communication Program*, 26 February 2019

DoDI 6055.06, *Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Program*, 3 October 2019

DoDM 6055.06, *Fire and Emergency Services Certification Program*, 22 January 2020

JP 1-02, *Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, November 2021

DAFPD 10-25, *Emergency Management*, 23 April 2019

AFI 10-801, *Defense Support of Civil Authorities*, 29 January 2020

DAFI 33-332 *Air Force Privacy and Civil Liberties Program*, 10 March 2020

HAFMD 1-38, *Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection*, 21 June 2021

#### **Terms**

**Hazardous materials**—. Are substances that pose a threat to human health or to the environment due to their toxic, corrosive, flammable, explosive, or chemically reactive nature; or those substances designated as hazardous under the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980* (42 *United States Code*, Chapter 103), or as defined by Department of Defense 6050.05, *Department of Defense Hazard Communication Program*. For overseas installations, hazardous materials are listed in host nation governing standards and environmental guidance documents.

**National Fire Protection Association Standards**—.Are national consensus standards are generally used in subject areas not covered by regulatory standards or Department of Defense/Department of the Air Force policies.

**Weapons of mass destruction**—. Is defined by Joint Publication 1-02, *Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, as chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons capable of a high order of destruction or causing mass casualties. Weapons of mass destruction excludes the means of transporting or propelling the weapon where such means is a separable and divisible part from the weapon.

#### **Prescribed Forms**

None

#### **Adopted Forms.**

Air Force Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*.

***Abbreviations and Acronyms.***

None

***Office Symbols.***

**AF/A4**—Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection

**AF/A4C**—Director of Air Force Civil Engineers

**AF/A4CX**—Chief, Readiness Division