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**§ 2211. Review of fire prevention codes**

The Administrator is authorized to review, evaluate, and suggest improvements in State and local fire prevention codes, building codes, and any relevant Federal or private codes and regulations. In evaluating any such code or codes, the Administrator shall consider the human impact of all code requirements, standards, or provisions in terms of comfort and habitability for residents or employees, as well as the fire prevention and control value or potential of each such requirement, standard, or provision.

(Pub. L. 93-498, § 12, Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1543.)

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**§ 2212. Fire safety effectiveness statements**

The Administrator is authorized to encourage owners and managers of residential multiple-unit, commercial, industrial, and transportation structures to prepare Fire Safety Effectiveness Statements, pursuant to standards, forms, rules, and regulations to be developed and issued by the Administrator.

(Pub. L. 93-498, § 13, Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1544.)

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**§ 2213. Annual conference**

The Administrator is authorized to organize, or to participate in organizing, an annual conference on fire prevention and control. He may pay, in whole or in part, the cost of such conference and the expenses of some or all of the participants. All of the Nation's fire services shall be eligible to send representatives to each such conference to discuss, exchange ideas on, and participate in educational programs on new techniques in fire prevention and control. Such conferences shall be open to the public.

(Pub. L. 93-498, § 14, Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1544.)

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**§ 2214. Public safety awards****(a) Establishment**

There is hereby established an honorary award for the recognition of outstanding and distin-

guished service by public safety officers to be known as the Administrator's Award For Distinguished Public Safety Service ("Administrator's Award").

**(b) Description**

The Administrator's Award shall be presented by the Administrator of FEMA or by the Attorney General to public safety officers for distinguished service in the field of public safety.

**(c) Award**

Each Administrator's Award shall consist of an appropriate citation.

**(d) Regulations**

The Administrator of FEMA and the Attorney General are authorized and directed to issue jointly such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**(e) "Public safety officer" defined**

As used in this section, the term "public safety officer" means a person serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as—

- (1) a firefighter;
- (2) a law enforcement officer, including a corrections or court officer; or
- (3) a civil defense officer.

(Pub. L. 93-498, §15, Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1544; Pub. L. 98-241, title II, §202, Mar. 22, 1984, 98 Stat. 96; Pub. L. 106-503, title I, §110(a)(2)(B)(iv), (v), (C), Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2302; Pub. L. 107-12, §8, May 30, 2001, 115 Stat. 22; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title XVIII, §1802(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2100.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, §1802(b)(2), substituted "Administrator's Award" for "Director's Award" wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 112-239, §1802(b)(1), substituted "Administrator of FEMA" for "Director" in two places.

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-12, §8(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (a). Text read as follows: "There are hereby established two classes of honorary awards for the recognition of outstanding and distinguished service by public safety officers—

"(1) the President's Award For Outstanding Public Safety Service ('President's Award'); and

"(2) the Director's Award For Distinguished Public Safety Service ('Director's Award')."

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-12, §8(2), struck out pars. (1) and (2) designations and text of par. (1) which read as follows: "The President's Award shall be presented by the President of the United States to public safety officers for extraordinary valor in the line of duty or for outstanding contribution to public safety."

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-12, §8(3), (4), redesignated subsec. (e) as (c) and struck out pars. (1) and (2) designations and text of par. (1), which read as follows: "Each President's Award shall consist of—

"(A) a medal suitably inscribed, bearing such devices and emblems, and struck from such material as the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Director and the Attorney General deems appropriate. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the medal to be struck and furnished to the President; and

"(B) an appropriate citation."

Former subsec. (c) was struck out.

Pub. L. 107-12, §8(3), struck out heading and text of subsec. (c). Text read as follows: "The Director and the

Attorney General shall advise and assist the President in the selection of individuals to whom the President's Award shall be tendered and in the course of performing such duties they shall seek and review nominations for such awards which are submitted to them by Federal, State, county, and local government officials. They shall annually transmit to the President the names of those individuals determined by them to merit the award, together with the reasons therefor. Recipients of the President's Award shall be selected by the President."

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-12, §8(3), redesignated subsec. (f) as (d) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (d). Text read as follows:

"(1) There shall not be presented in any one calendar year in excess of twelve President's Awards.

"(2) There shall be no limitation on the number of Director's Awards presented."

Subsecs. (e) to (g). Pub. L. 107-12, §8(3), redesignated subsecs. (e) to (g) as (c) to (e), respectively.

2000—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 106-503, §110(a)(2)(C), substituted "Director's" for "Secretary's" in two places.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106-503, §110(a)(2)(B)(iv), (C), substituted "Director's" for "Secretary's" and "Director" for "Secretary".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-503, §110(a)(2)(B)(iv), substituted "Director" for "Secretary".

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 106-503, §110(a)(2)(C), substituted "Director's" for "Secretary's".

Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 106-503, §110(a)(2)(B)(v), substituted "with the Director" for "with the Secretary".

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 106-503, §110(a)(2)(C), substituted "Director's" for "Secretary's".

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-503, §110(a)(2)(B)(iv), substituted "Director" for "Secretary".

1984—Subsecs. (b)(2), (c), (e)(1)(A), (f). Pub. L. 98-241 struck out "the Secretary of Defense," after "Secretary" wherever appearing.

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EX. ORD. NO. 13161. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF VALOR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Ex. Ord. No. 13161, June 29, 2000, 65 F.R. 41543, provided:

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is ordered:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Medal of Valor for Public Safety Officers (Medal) is established for the purpose of recognizing those public safety officers adjudged to have shown extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty in the exercise of their official duties. As used in this section, the term “public safety officer” means a person serving a public agency with or without compensation:

- (1) as a law enforcement officer, including police, correctional, probation, or parole officers;
- (2) as a firefighter or emergency responder; and
- (3) who is employed by the Government of the United States, any State of the United States, any officially recognized elective body within a State of the United States, or any Federally recognized tribal organization.

SEC. 2. Eligible recipients generally will be recommended to the President by the Attorney General by April 1 of each year. Pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 136-137, the President designates May 15 of each year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the week in which it falls as “Police Week.” Presentation of the Medal shall occur at an appropriate time during the commemoration of Police Week, as far as is practicable.

SEC. 3. The President may select for the Medal up to ten persons annually from among those persons recommended to the President by the Attorney General. In submitting recommendations to the President, the Attorney General may consult with experts representing all segments of the public safety sector, including representatives from law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency services.

SEC. 4. Those chosen for recognition shall receive a medal and a certificate, the designs of which shall be submitted by the Attorney General for the President’s approval no later than December 1, 2000. The medal and certificate shall be prepared by the Department of Justice.

SEC. 5. The Medal may be given posthumously.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

### § 2215. Reports to Congress and President

The Administrator of FEMA shall report to the Congress and the President not later than ninety calendar days following the year ending September 30, 1980 and similarly each year thereafter on all activities relating to fire prevention and control, and all measures taken to implement and carry out this chapter during the preceding calendar year. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to—

- (a) a thorough appraisal, including statistical analysis, estimates, and long-term projections of the human and economic losses due to fire;
- (b) a survey and summary, in such detail as is deemed advisable, of the research and technology program undertaken or sponsored pursuant to this chapter;
- (c) a summary of the activities of the Academy for the preceding 12 months, including, but not limited to—
  - (1) an explanation of the curriculum of study;
  - (2) a description of the standards of admission and performance;
  - (3) the criteria for the awarding of degrees and certificates; and
  - (4) a statistical compilation of the number of students attending the Academy and receiving degrees or certificates;
- (d) a summary of the activities undertaken to assist the Nation’s fire services;
- (e) a summary of the public education programs undertaken;

(f) an analysis of the extent of participation in preparing and submitting Fire Safety Effectiveness Statements;

(g) a summary of outstanding problems confronting the administration of this chapter, in order of priority;

(h) such recommendations for additional legislation as are deemed necessary or appropriate; and

(i) a summary of reviews, evaluations, and suggested improvements in State and local fire prevention and building codes, fire services, and any relevant Federal or private codes, regulations, and fire services.

(Pub. L. 93-498, §16, Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1545; Pub. L. 96-472, title II, §202, Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2260; Pub. L. 106-503, title I, §110(a)(2)(B)(vi), Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2302; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title XVIII, §1802(b)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2100.)

### Editorial Notes

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 93-498, Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1535, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239 substituted “Administrator of FEMA” for “Director” in introductory provisions.

2000—Pub. L. 106-503 substituted “Director” for “Secretary” in introductory provisions.

1980—Pub. L. 96-472 substituted “ninety calendar days following the year ending September 30, 1980 and similarly each year thereafter” for “June 30 of the year following October 29, 1974, and each year thereafter”.

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### § 2216. Authorization of appropriations

(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the foregoing provisions of this chap-