
The purpose of NFPA 1730 is to specify the minimum criteria addressing the effectiveness and efficiency of the public fire prevention organization of fire prevention inspection and code enforcement, plan review, investigations, and public education operations to the public by fire departments and other organizations. It will identify the minimum requirements relating to the organization and deployment of fire prevention inspection and code enforcement, plan review, investigations, and public education operations to the public. The document addresses functions and objectives of fire prevention organizations service delivery, capability and resources as well as the strategic and policy issues involving the organization and deployment of a fire prevention programs.

The nine core chapters and three Annex chapters include Administrative, Referenced Publications, Definitions, Organization, Community Risk Assessment, Fire Inspections and Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Investigation, and Public Education. Also included are Explanatory Material, a Community Risk Assessment Guide and a Sample Staffing Exercises in the Annexes.

Chapter 1 provides basic Administrative and Organizations information, Chapter 2 lists identified Referenced Publications, and Chapter 3 has Definitions relative to this document.

Chapter 4 provides additional Organizational requirements that requires the AHJ to maintain a written statement or policy that establishes the Existence of the FPO, Services that the FPO will provide, Basic organizational structure, Expected number of FPO members, and Functions that FPO members are expected to perform. Also included is the requirement to develop a Management Information System to support the effectiveness of the organization in its programs and procedures. Chapter 4 requires the FPO to conduct a Community Risk Assessment and review it at least every 5 years.
Chapter 5 discusses the Community Risk Assessment plan and the development and implementation of it to reduce, mitigate or eliminate the community’s risks.

Chapter 6 requires the FPO to establish the organization and deployment of fire prevention resources for fire prevention inspection and code enforcement activities in existing occupancies.

Chapter 7 requires the FPO to establish the organization and deployment for plan reviews and field acceptance inspections from the initial plan reviews through to the certificate of occupancy.

Chapter 8 requires the FPO to establish the organization and deployment for investigation activities and the investigation of the origin, cause, and circumstances of any fire, explosion, hazardous materials incident or other hazardous condition.

Chapter 9 requires the FPO to establish the organization and deployment of the FPO for public education activities to include public education programs that reduce the community’s risks, demonstrate the value of public education activities, and implement appropriate prevention and intervention activities.

Annex A provides basic explanatory information.

Annex B provides an example of a Community Risk Assessment.

Annex C provides an example of the 5 step method in determining staffing levels.