

InFIReS - an overview

‘Reducing the impact of fire in the insured environment’

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Insurer Fire Impact Reduction Strategy

- InFIReS is the revised framework under which all insurer work will be conducted
- Reducing the impact of fire in the insured environment through meaningful research, projects and representation



InFIReS Benefits

To provide the insurance industry with:

- A recognised and credible fire safety voice
- A mechanism to demonstrate their commitment and contribution to improving fire safety and to reduce the impact of fire within the industry

‘All insurer work will now be shared with all interested insurers for the time being’



Where InFIReS resides within FPASA

- Remains within the Technical Division
- Overall responsibility: Technical Manager
- Direct responsibility: InFIReS Programme Manager / Technical Consultant
- Work will be conducted by FPASA technical staff and contracted expertise where necessary





InFIReS Structure and Functions

InFIReS Steering Group

- The present IPAC committee suitably expanded

The remit:

- Providing strategic direction through improved cooperation with SAIA forums and committees
- Agreeing areas of research, representation and projects
- Monitor progress in terms of agreed programme of work



InFIREs Structure and Functions

InFIREs Specific Sub-Committees

- **Fire service Oversight Committee**
 - Classification project
 - NatFIRE Strategy (Stats and brigade performance)
 - SAIA Fire Service Investigation Committee representation
 - Fire Brigade Board and NAFSAC representation



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- **Legislation and Standards Committee**
 - SABS representation
 - OH&S Act
 - Any other fire safety legislation as identified and deemed of value





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- **Research Project Committee**
 - Will provide input and guidance on specific projects
 - Will include large loss reviews, insurer technical guidance documents and similar



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- Examples of projects identified and work in progress includes:
 - Large loss reviews: Spray dryer dust explosion and a large outdoor storage fire
 - Effect of pressure reduction in Metro areas on existing fire protection systems
 - Acceptability of active fire protection systems to insurers
 - Establishment of a fire risk assessor register
 - Research regarding fire investigator competence and professional registration
 - Annual national fire-fighting competition

How to participate!

- Insurers with commercial and industrial risk may join as stakeholder members
- Insurers without commercial and industrial risk, brokers and risk management firms may participate as InFIReS contributors



InFIReS

‘Enabling leading insurers and related organisations to maintain a high degree of involvement and influence regarding the impact of fire in the insured environment’

