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**SUBJECT: Fire Data Analysis**

**DATE OF MEETING: 10/25/99**

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Linda Smith**

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**LOCATION: 4330 East-West Hwy, Bethesda, MD**

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Linda Smith, EPHA**

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:** The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the effect of the new NFIRS coding system on fire data analysis issues. The primary topic was a discussion of the heirarchical Cause codes used by several organizations to classify structure fires. This involved detailed discussion of the specific codes that are grouped into the various Cause categories. Tricia Frazer will begin work on Cause categories suitable for Vehicle fire and Outdoor fires.

Another topic was the need for a calibration study to evaluate the effects of the change in NFIRS codes on the data being reported. It was agreed that the group would begin developing a study plan and begin identifying fire departments that reported to the old NFIRS codes and are now reporting using the new NFIRS codes.

A date for the next meeting has not been scheduled.

