



NERIS User Guide

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About NERIS

NERIS is the National Emergency Response Information System. NERIS empowers the fire and emergency services community by equipping them with an empirical basis for decision-making. It also provides the community with reliable predictive analytics to support enhanced preparedness and response to all-hazard incidents, wildland urban interface events, community risk reduction efforts, climate change threats and associated resilience and mitigation efforts, and future pandemic emergency response resource preparedness.

Data Gathering Capabilities

NERIS is designed for easy data entry with a focus on a clean, intuitive, and mobile-friendly user experience. The NERIS data capture app will be accessible on mobile devices, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. The NERIS website will be accessible on a web browser using any type of internet connection.

Further, to help minimize data entry by firefighters, NERIS will be able to consume data services from local Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Record Management System (RMS) providers. For departments without CAD or RMS, the NERIS-provided data capture app is available.

Data Analytics Capabilities

Authorized users can directly access data in NERIS via tailored views and dashboards for their department. This allows you to perform advanced queries more easily. Our API enables easy integration with other software and systems you may use for analysis and reporting. The goal is a user-friendly and efficient data access experience.



User Management

User Management includes the following tasks:

- Invite Users to Join (Admin Only)
- Sign into NERIS for the First Time
- Update Your Account Information
- Sign in with Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)
- Search for Users (Admin Only)
- Activating and Deactivating Users (Admin Only)
- Set Roles (Admin Only)
- Filtering Users Based on User Type (Admin Only)

User Types and Permission Levels

The following user types and permissions are available in NERIS:

- User
- Superuser
- Admin

User

Users can:

- View their entity/organization's incident data
- View and modify their user attributes (email, phone number, username, etc)
- Submit an incident

Superuser

Superusers can do everything a User does, plus:

Update incident data that has not been finalized

Admin

Admins can do everything a Superuser does, plus:

- View their entity/organization's members
- Invite users who are not a part of NERIS to join their entity/organization
- Deactivate a user's membership in their entity/organization



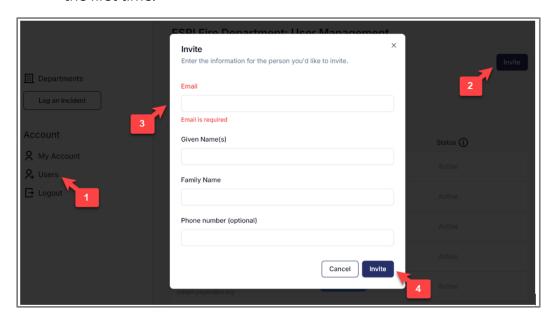


- Modify the attributes of their entity/organization (name, location, station, staffing, units, etc.)
- Establish and manage integrations with 3rd party systems.
- Toggle visibility of data confirmation ribbon.

Invite Users to Join (Admin Only)

To invite users into your entity/organization in NERIS:

- 1. Click **Users** on the left-side panel.
- 2. Click **Invite** on the top-right of the screen.
- 3. When the Invite window appears, fill in the email and first and last name of the user. You can optionally enter their phone number.
- 4. Click **Invite** to send an email to the user so that they can begin to sign into NERIS for the first time.



NERIS displays a Success message upon successful completion of the invite. Click **Close** when you are finished.

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Sign into NERIS for the First Time

When you have been invited to join NERIS, you will receive an email from NERIS Registration.

To sign in for the first time:

- 1. Click the **sign in here** link provided in the email.
- 2. Click **Log in** on the screen that launches.
- 3. Enter your email address and the temporary password that was included in the invite email and click **Sign in**.



- 4. When the Change Password screen appears, change your temporary password to a password of your choosing. Enter your new password in the two password fields. Ensure you adhere to the following requirements:
 - Password must contain a lower-case letter.
 - Password must contain an upper-case letter.
 - Password must contain a number.
 - Password must contain at least 10 characters.
 - Passwords must match.
 - Password must contain a special character or a space.
 - Password must **not** contain a leading or trailing space.
- 5. Click Send.







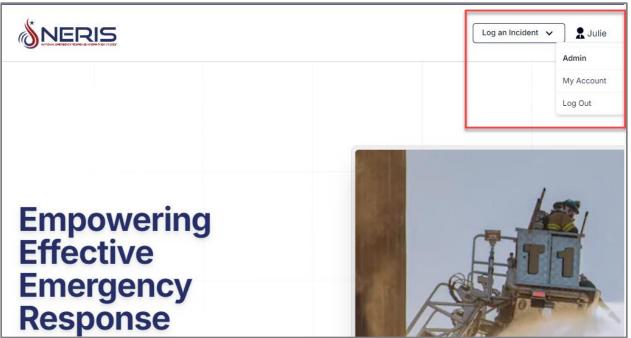
6. You can begin to view your department and account information immediately by clicking your name on the top-right of the home screen.

IMPORTANT: Every time you log into NERIS after this initial login, you will be using Multi-factor Authentication. See *Sign in with Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)* for more information.

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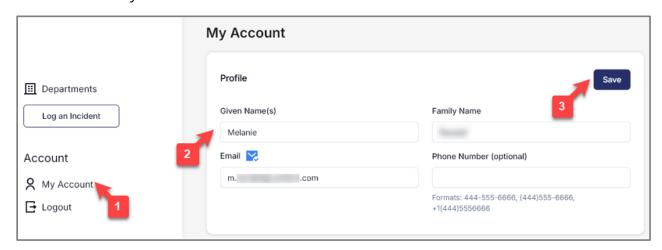




Update Your Account Information

To update your account name and contact information:

- 1. Click **My Account** from the left-side panel.
- 2. From the My Account screen, update your name, email, and phone number as needed.
- 3. Click **Save** when you are finished.



Sign in with Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)

MFA is a more secure way of logging into your account. This log in method helps to prevent unauthorized access to your account, even if a password has been compromised. It requires you to provide information from more than one source to verify your identity. For example, providing a secure code sent to your email that you must enter along with your userid and password when logging in. This log in method is required to log into NERIS.

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To log into NERIS using MFA:

1. Enter your log in credentials and click **Sign in**. A numerical code is sent to your email address.



2. Enter the code that was sent to your email and click **Sign in** to finish logging in.



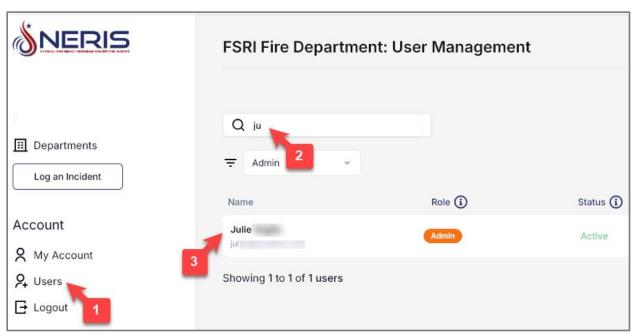
Search for Users (Admin Only)

To locate a user in NERIS:

- 1. Click **Users**.
- 2. Start typing the name of the user in the Search field. A list of potential matches appears as you type.
- 3. Select the name of the user when it appears in the list.







Activating and Deactivating Users (Admin Only)

Activate a User

Users in the system are **Inactive** until a system Admin activates them.

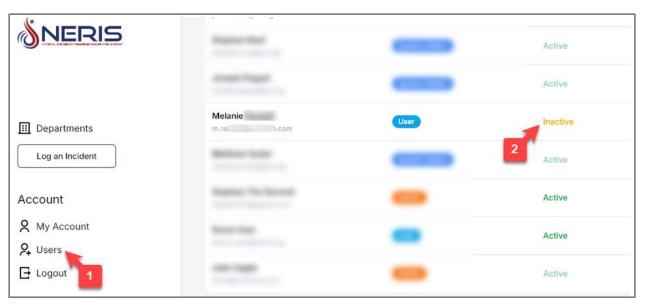


To activate a user:

- 1. Click **Users** and locate the user you want to activate. See *Search for Users (Admin Only)* for more information on locating a specific user in NERIS.
- 2. Click **Inactive** next to the user's name.







3. Click Activate.



The user's status is now set to Active.



Deactivate a User

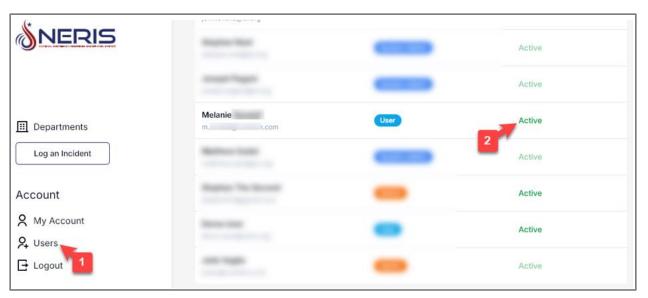
Deactivating a user means they remain in the system but are unable to perform any operations for a department while inactive for that department.

To deactivate a user:

- 1. Click **Users** and locate the user you want to activate. See *Search for Users (Admin Only)* for more information on locating a specific user in NERIS.
- 2. Click **Active** next to their name.







3. Click Deactivate.



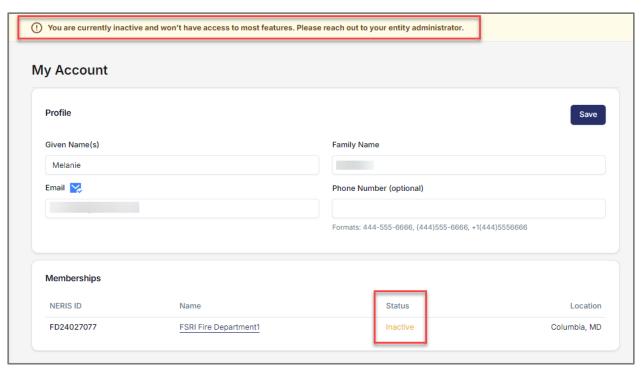
The user's status is set to Inactive. They can log into NERIS but are no longer able to access any non-public spaces for that department.



When the user does log in, they see a banner at the top of the screen indicating their inactive status:





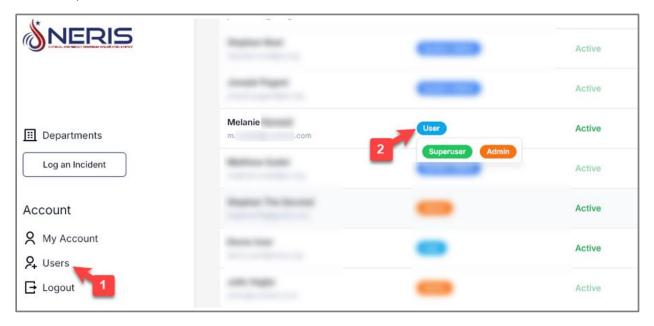


Set Roles (Admin Only)

The three available roles (access levels) are User, Superuser, and Admin. See *User Types and Permission Levels* for a list of permissions based on your level of access.

To set the access level for a specific user:

- 1. Click **Users** and locate the user you want to set another role for. See *Search for Users* (*Admin Only*) for more information on locating a specific user in NERIS.
- 2. Click on the user's currently-set role and select from the three options that appear (User, Superuser, or Admin).

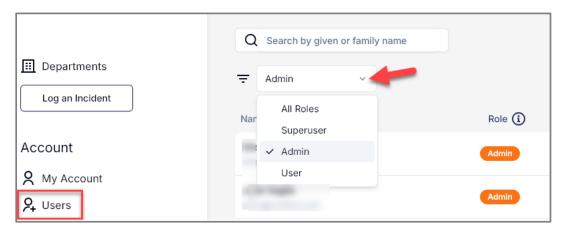




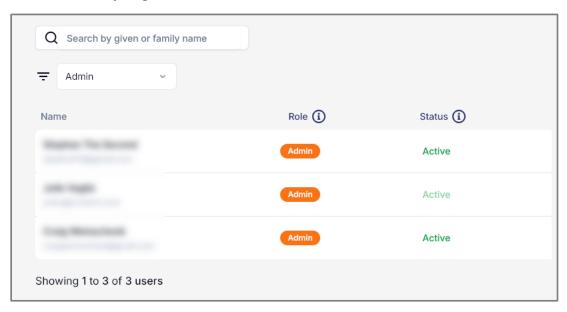


Filtering Users Based on User Type (Admin Only)

You can list all Users, Superusers, or Admins within your entity/organization from the Users screen by clicking the **All Roles** dropdown.



All users for the specified role type are displayed. This example shows all Admin users within the entity/organization:







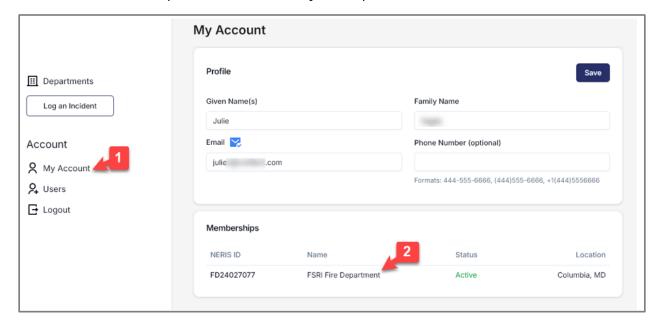
Working with Departments

Each user is assigned to their own department (organization/entity). This is the fire department that the user works for. Additionally, users with Admin access can view and edit fire departments outside of their primary department.

View Your Assigned Department

To view your assigned department:

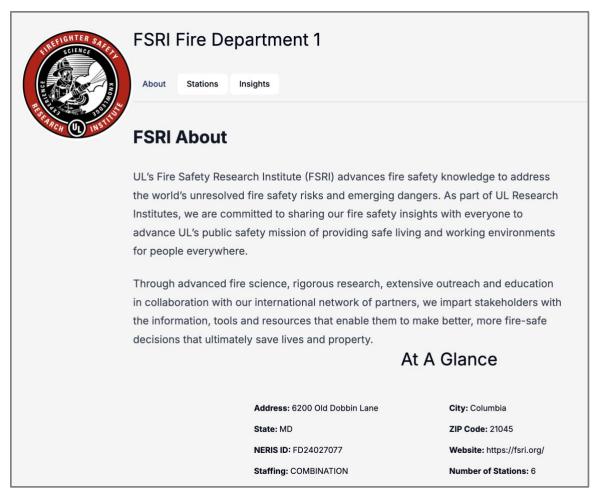
- 1. Click My Account.
- 2. Under Memberships, click the name of your department.



Your assigned department's page appears. On this page you can view About and summary information as well as a summarized Incident Response dashboard view for your department. See *Using the Insights Dashboard Analytical Tools* for more information on viewing the Insight dashboard data.

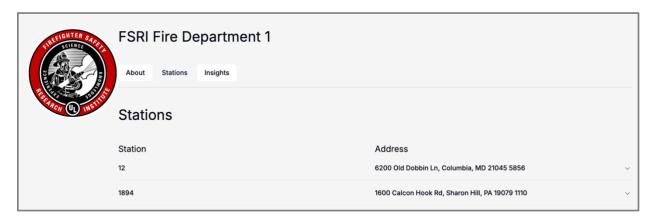






View the Stations within Your Fire Department

Click the **Stations** tab from your department's page to view information on each station within your department.



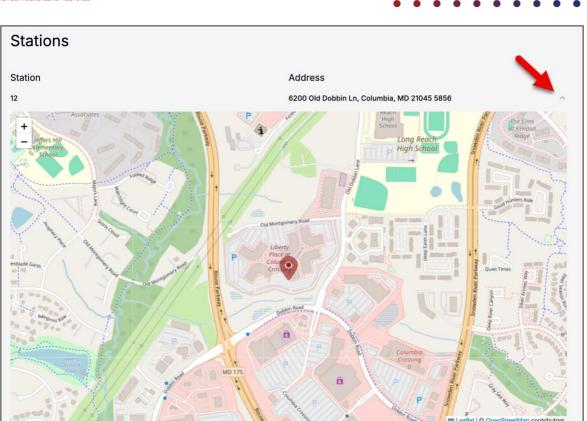
Click the arrow next to each station to view location information for that station. Click the arrow again to collapse the map and information.



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View Your Department's Incident Data (Insights)

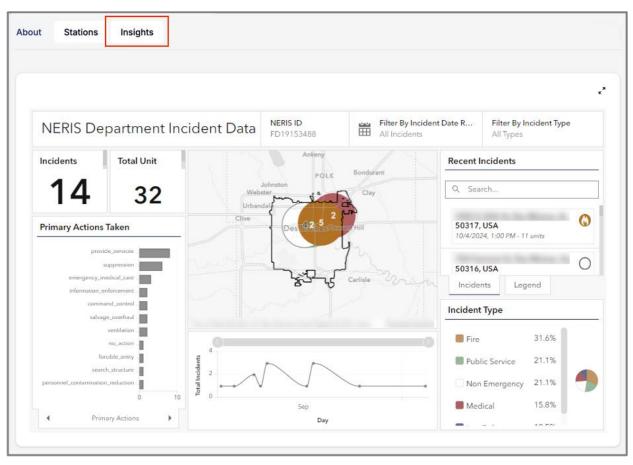
Click the **Insights** tab on your department's page to view incident data for your department. For more information on using the Insights tab, see the sections within Working with Incidents.

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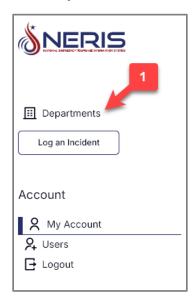


Search for and View Additional Departments

All users can search for and view information for departments outside of their assigned department.

To search for and view additional departments:

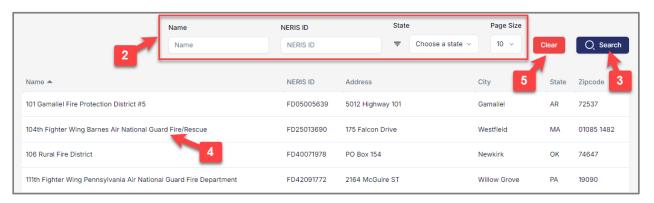
1. Click **Departments** on the left-side panel.







- 2. Use the search fields at the top of the screen to search for the department. You can search by Name, NERIS ID, and State. You can also select the Page Size drop-down to determine how many results you wish to see on the page.
- 3. Click **Search** to display your results.
- 4. Click on any department name row. That department's page appears. See *View Your Assigned Department* for more information on viewing department pages.
- 5. Click **Clear** to clear the search results.

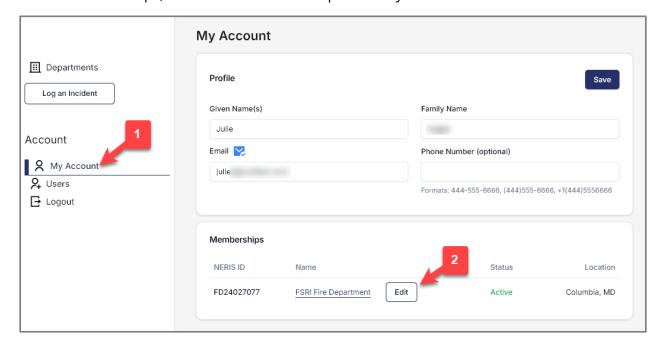


Edit a Department (Admin Only)

Admin users can edit the information provided for their department (organization/entity).

To edit your department's information:

- 1. Click My Account.
- 2. Under Memberships, click **Edit** next to the department you would like to revise.

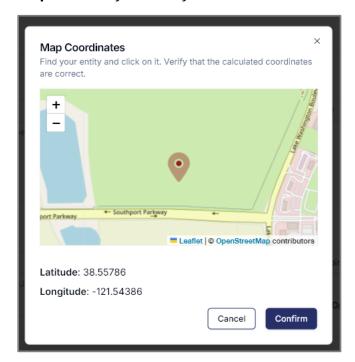


3. From the Edit Entity window, you can edit the following fields:





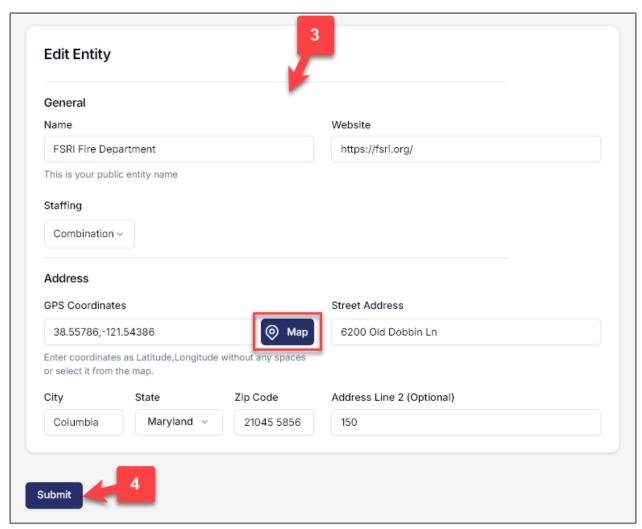
- Name: Enter the name of the public entity (fire department, for example).
- **Website:** Enter the URL for the public entity. This field is optional.
- **Staffing:** Use the Staffing dropdown to select if the public entity is Career, Volunteer, or Combination (career and volunteer staff).
- **GPS Coordinates:** Enter the coordinates for the location of the public entity. Enter as Latitude and Longitude without and spaces. Alternatively, you can click **Map** to locate your entity. Click **Confirm** to save.



- Street Address: Enter the street address for your public entity.
- **City:** Enter the city for your public entity.
- **State:** Select the state of your public entity from the dropdown.
- **Zip Code:** Enter the zip code for your public entity.
- Address Line 2 (Optional): If needed, enter the second line address for your public entity.
- 4. Click **Submit** to save your changes.







Add a Station and/or Unit to Your Department (Admin Only)

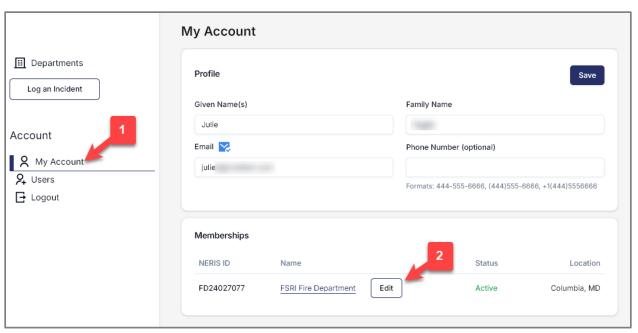
Admin users can add stations to their department. Admin users can also add units to a station that is within their department.

To add a station and/or unit to your department:

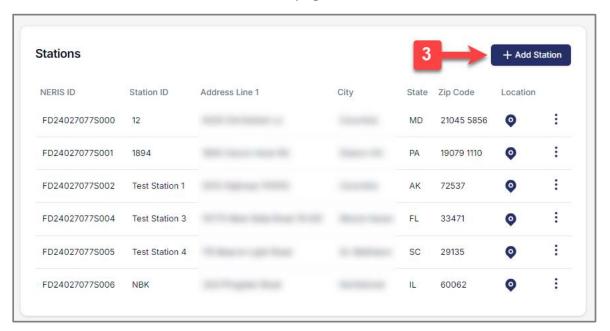
- 1. Click My Account.
- 2. Under Memberships, click **Edit** next to the department.





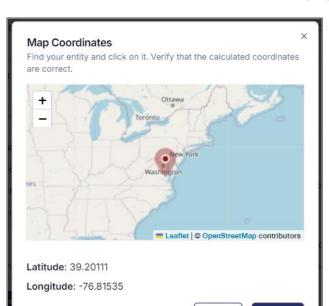


3. Scroll down to the Stations section of the page and click **Add Station**.



- 4. When the Add Station window appears, fill in the following fields:
 - a. **Station ID:** Enter the numerical ID for this station.
 - b. **Staffing:** Enter the minimum number of staff assigned to this station.
 - c. **GPS Coordinates:** Enter the coordinates for the location of the station. Enter as Latitude and Longitude without and spaces. Alternatively, you can click **Map** to locate your station. Click **Confirm** to save.





• **Street Address:** Enter the street address for your public entity.

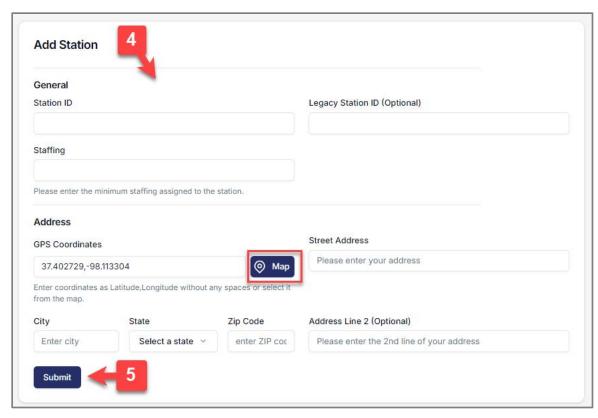
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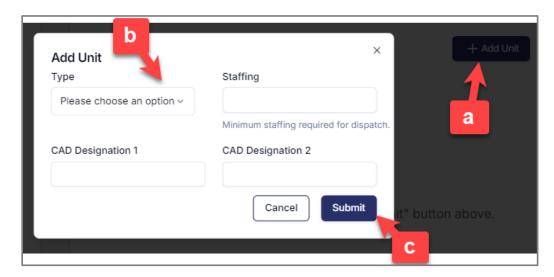
- **City:** Enter the city for your public entity.
- **State:** Select the state of your public entity from the dropdown.
- **Zip Code:** Enter the zip code for your public entity.
- Address Line 2 (Optional): If needed, enter the second line address for your public entity.
- 5. From here you can do one of the following:
 - a. Click **Submit** to save your changes and add the new station.
 - b. Proceed to step 6 to add a unit to this new station.







- 6. To add a unit to this station:
 - a. Click Add Unit.
 - b. When the Add Unit window appears, enter the following fields:
 - **Type:** Select the unit type from the Please choose an option dropdown.
 - **Staffing:** Enter the minimum number of staffing required for dispatch.
 - **CAD Designation 1 and 2:** Enter the CAD designation for this unit.
 - c. Click **Submit** to save and add this unit to the station.



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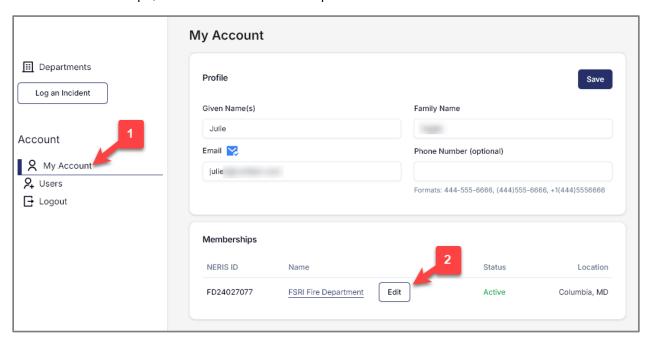


Edit a Station and Unit within Your Department (Admin Only)

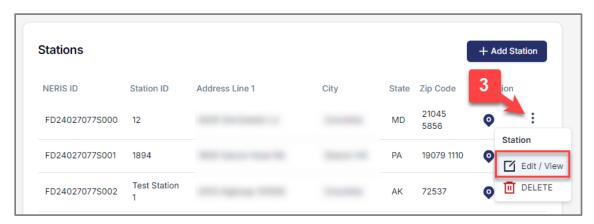
Admin users can edit the station and unit information for their department (organization/entity).

To edit your department's station and unit information:

- 1. Click My Account.
- 2. Under Memberships, click **Edit** next to the department.



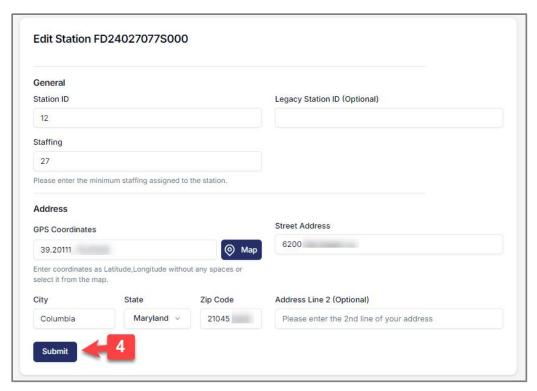
3. Scroll down to the Stations section of the screen, locate the station you wish to edit, click the 3-dot symbol at the end of the row, and select **Edit/View**.



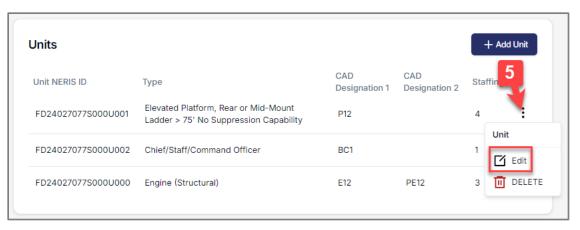
4. Edit the relevant fields in the Edit Station section of the window and click **Submit** to save your changes. Proceed to step 5 to edit a unit within a station.



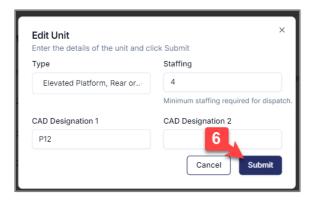




5. Scroll down to the Units portion of the Entities window, select the 3-dot symbol for the unit you wish to edit, and select **Edit**.



6. Edit the relevant fields in the Edit Unit window and click **Submit** to save your changes.





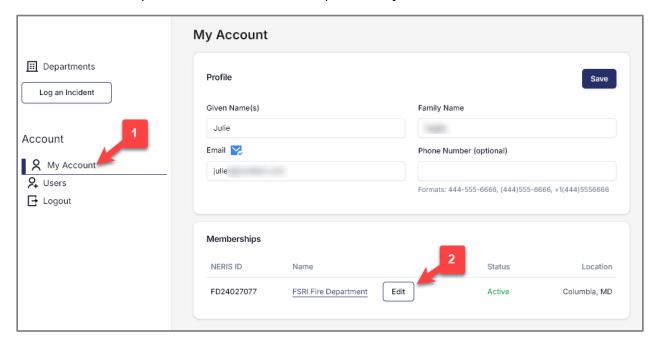


Delete a Station within Your Department (Admin Only)

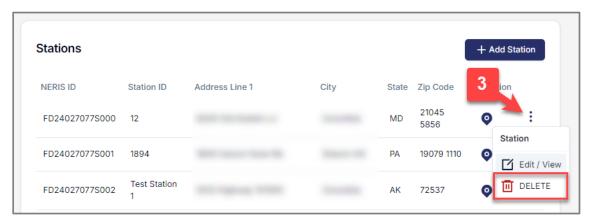
Admin users can delete stations from their department (organization/entity).

To delete a station from a department:

- 1. Click **My Account**.
- 2. Under Memberships, click **Edit** next to the department you would like to revise.



3. Scroll down to the Stations section of the screen, locate the station you wish to remove, click the 3-dot symbol at the end of the row, and select **DELETE**.



Delete a Unit within your Station (Admin Only)

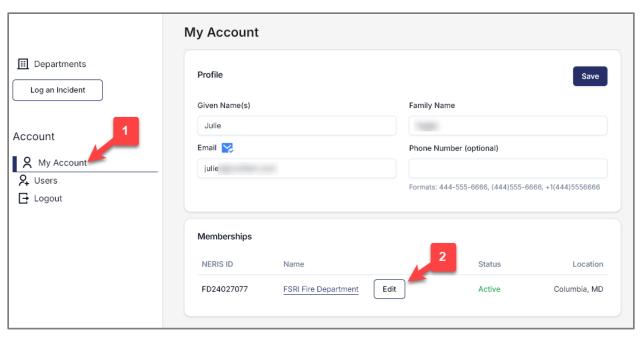
Admin users can remove a unit within a station.

To remove a unit within a station:

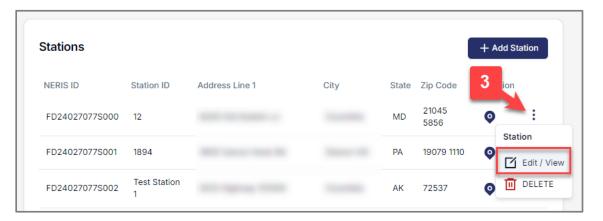
- 1. Click My Account.
- 2. Under Memberships, click **Edit** next to the department.



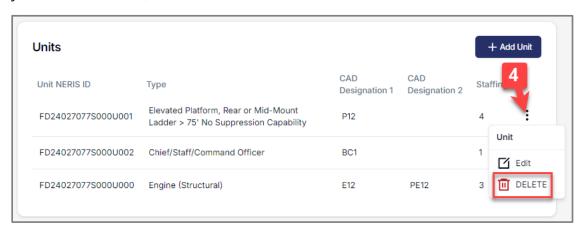




3. Scroll down to the Stations section of the screen, locate the station that contains the unit you wish to remove, click the 3-dot symbol at the end of the row, and select **Edit/View**.



4. Scroll down to the Units portion of the window, select the 3-dot symbol for the unit you wish to remove, and select **DELETE**.







Working with Incidents

All users in NERIS can log an incident and view incidents. Superusers and Admin users will have additional capabilities in the future such as revising and finalizing incidents.

Note: The sample screenshots you see in this section may slightly differ from what you see on your screen as NERIS continues to evolve.

Log an Incident

To log an incident:

1. Click **Log an Incident** at the top-left of the screen.



The system takes you to the Incident Report screen:



Note: The NERIS ID at the top of the screen is the unique identifier for your entity/organization.





2. Fill out all fields denoted with an (*) and click **Submit** when you are done.

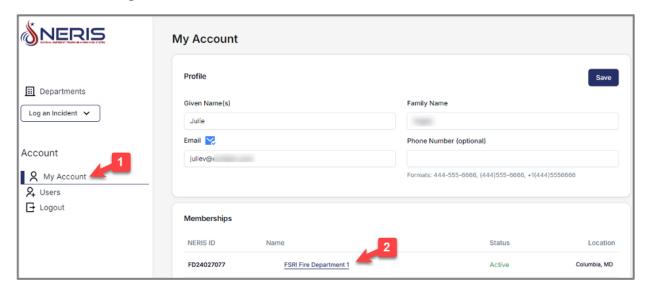
Note: Training material and a guide will be available in the future to guide users through filling out the Incident form.

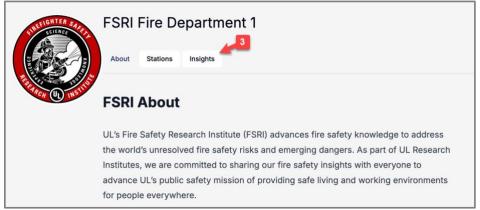
View Incidents (Insights Dashboard)

All incidents entered into NERIS are fed into the Insights dashboard. This is where you can view data and insights on all fire and medical incidents and responses that are reported to your organization/entity (department).

To access incident data for your department:

- 1. Click My Account.
- 2. Under Memberships, click your department name.
- 3. Click the **Insights** tab.

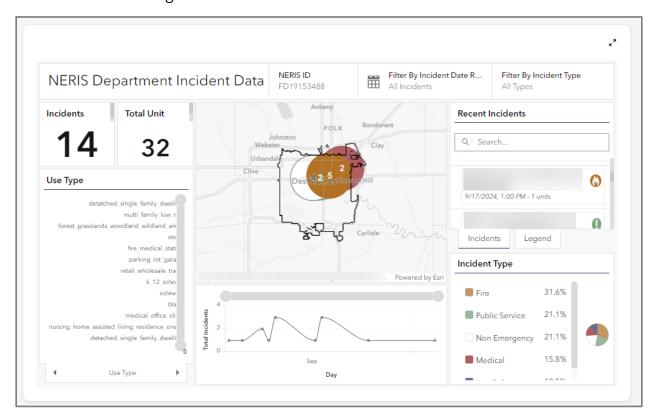




The NERIS Department Incident Data dashboard appears and displays a summary of all incident types that have been responded to within your department. See *Using the Insights*



Dashboard Analytical Tools and Analyzing the Insights Dashboard Data for more information on how to use the Insights dashboard.



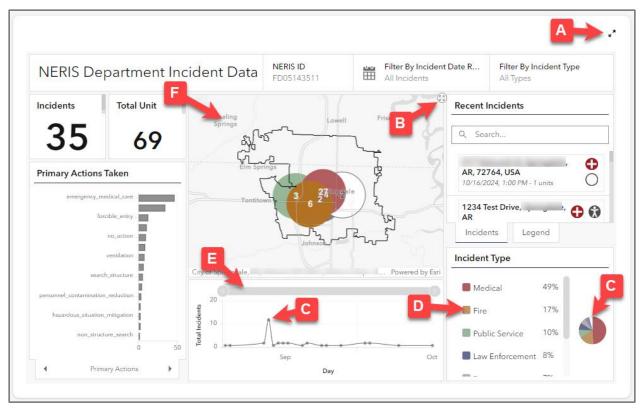
Using the Insights Dashboard Analytical Tools

The Insights dashboard provides various analytical tools within the sub-panels that allow you to highlight and look more closely at the data provided. For more information on the data types, see *Analyzing the Insights Dashboard Data* in the next section.

The following image and table outlines the functionality provided on the Insights dashboard:







- **A.** Click to expand the main panel to full screen. Click again to return to normal size.
- **B.** Click to expand each individual sub-panel to full screen to view data more closely. Click again to return the sub-panel to normal size.
- **C.** Hover your cursor over and around the pie and bar charts to view specific data points.

- **D.** Click the individual data categories to turn them on and off in the pie chart.
- **E.** Scroll up and down or side-to-side to increase and decrease the magnification of the chart.
- **F.** Double click and drag to focus in on certain areas within the map. As the map becomes more focused on specific areas, the data within the screen automatically updates to reflect what the map is focused on.

Analyzing the Insights Dashboard Data

The Insights dashboard enables you to view and analyze the following data either as a whole within the main Insights dashboard or individually by expanding each sub-panel:

- Analyze Data as a Whole
- Filter Incidents by Date Range
- Filter By Incident Type
- Search for and View Recent Incidents

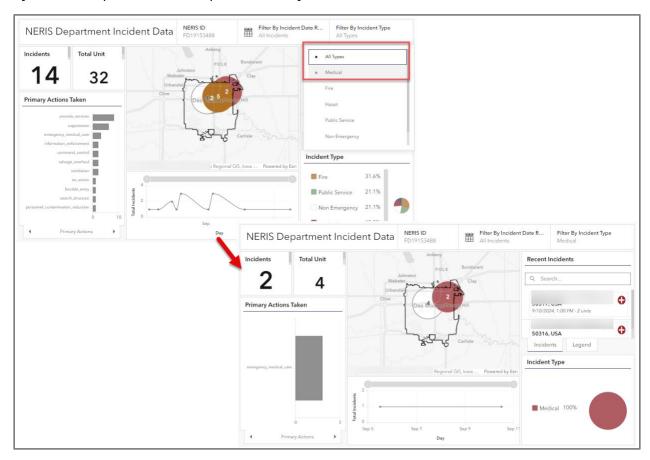




- Use the Incident Map to Analyze an Incident
- View Incident Breakdown by Primary Action, Location Type, and Use Type
- View a Graphical Summary of Total Incidents per Day
- View a Graphical Summary of Incident Type Occurrence Percentages

Analyze Data as a Whole

Clicking certain areas within the main Insights dashboard automatically updates all the subpanels within the main dashboard. As this example shows, clicking to filter incident types by **Medical** updates the sub-panels to only reflect data for medical incidents:

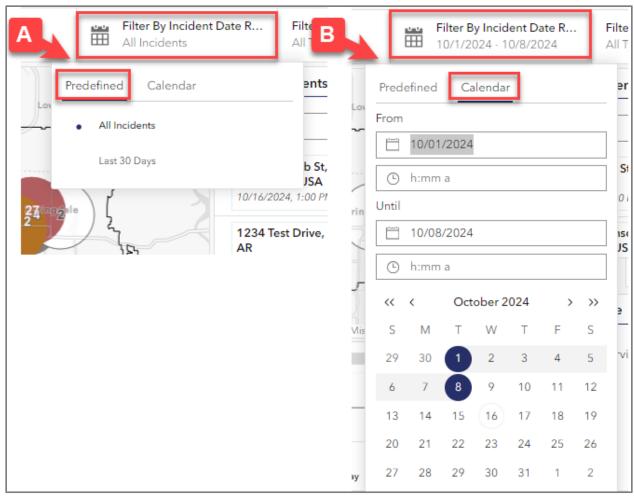


Filter Incidents by Date Range

You can filter the Insights dashboard to only show incidents based on a specific date range. To do this, click the **Filter By Incident Date Range** field. From here, you can select to show all incidents or incidents from the last 30 days (A). Alternatively, you can click the **Calendar** tab (B) and select your date range by clicking specific dates on the calendar that appears.





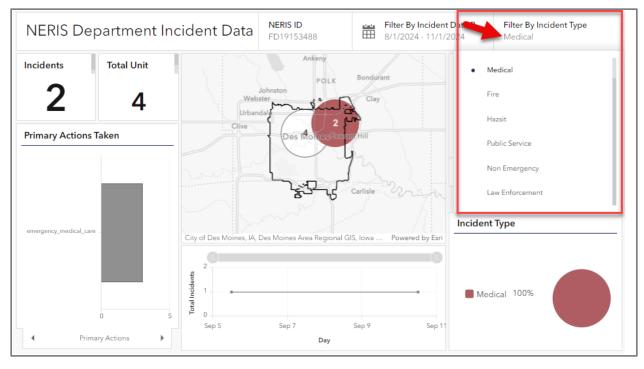


Filter By Incident Type

You can filter the Insights dashboard to only show incidents based on a specific incident type. To do this, click the **Filter By Incident Type** dropdown. From here, you can select to filter by Medical, Fire, Hazsit, Public Service, Non-Emergency, or Law Enforcement. This example shows the dashboard filtered by the Medical Incident Type:



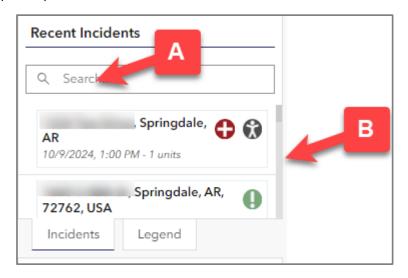




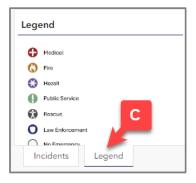
Search for and View Recent Incidents

Use the Recent Incidents and Map sub-panels to search for and view recent incidents:

- A. Type in the Search field to search for a specific incident.
- B. Scroll up and down through the Recent Incidents to see a list of all recent incidents and their types.



C. Click the **Legend** tab to see definitions for the incident type icons.



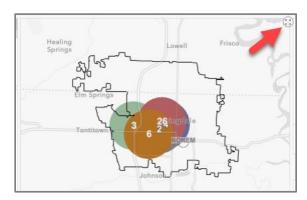


D. Click on an incident. The Incident map zooms in to focus on the location of the incident. Click the same incident again to zoom back out on the map.



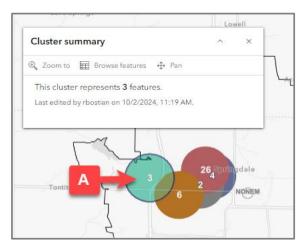
Use the Incident Map to Analyze an Incident

Expand the Incident map to view additional analytical data:



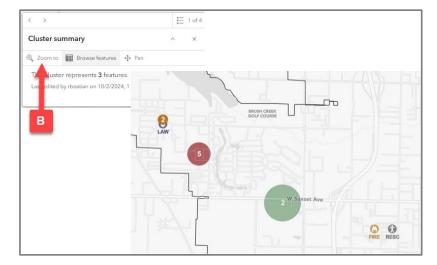
From expanded view, you can do the following:

A. Click on a circular cluster to launch the Cluster Summary window.





B. Click **Zoom to** to focus on a specific cluster.



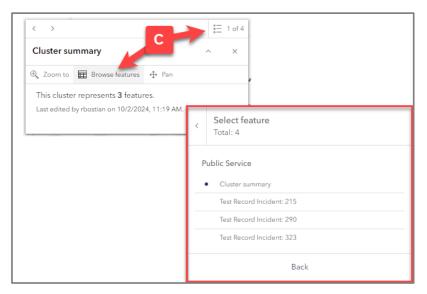
C. Click **Browse features** or the

numerical dropdown

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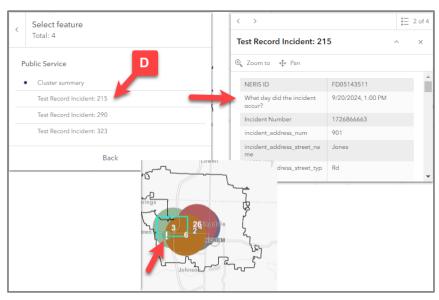
recorded incidents

for this cluster.



D. Click on an incident to bring up the incident report for the specific incident.

Note that the Incident map updates to highlight the incident displayed.







- E. Click the arrows to scroll through each incident in the cluster.
- F. Click **Pan** to pan in on the map.
- G. Click **Zoom to** to zoom in on the incident in the Incident map.
- H. Click the up/down arrow to collapse the window.
- I. Click the **X** to close the window.

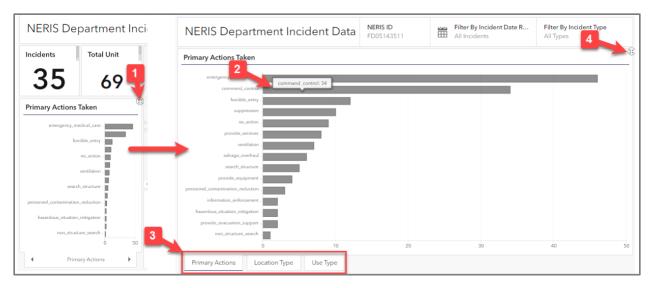


View Incident Breakdown by Primary Action, Location Type, and Use Type

- 1. Click the expander on the Primary Actions Taken sub-panel to expand the chart to full screen.
- 2. Hover your cursor over the bars on the table to view the numerical data for each entry.
- 3. Click between the **Primary Actions**, **Location Type**, and **Use Type** tabs to view the charts for each of these three categories.
- 4. Click the expander again to reduce the chart back to a sub-panel on the Insights dashboard.

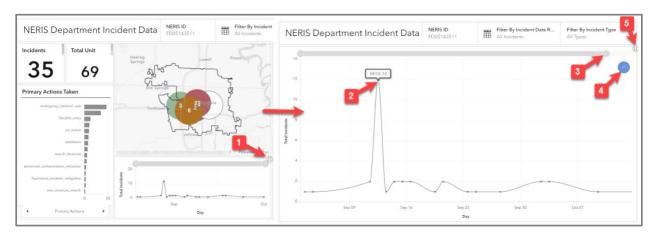






View a Graphical Summary of Total Incidents per Day

- 1. Click the expander on the Total Incidents chart sub-panel to expand the chart to full screen.
- 2. Hover your cursor over the points on the graph to view the specific date and number of incidents.
- 3. Drag the scroll bar left and right to show more or less days on the graph.
- 4. Click the blue button to zoom out and return the graph to its default size.
- 5. Click the expander again to reduce the chart back to a sub-panel on the Insights dashboard.



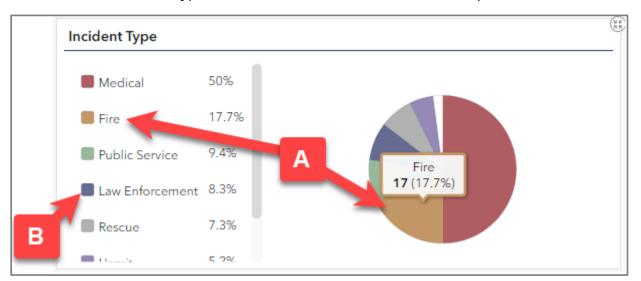
View a Graphical Summary of Incident Type Occurrence Percentages

The Incident Type sub-panel shows you at what percentage a specific incident type occurs. From this panel you can:

A. Hover your cursor over an Incident Type in the list or pie chart to view the percentage in the pie chart.



B. Click an Incident Type from the list to turn it on and off in the pie chart.

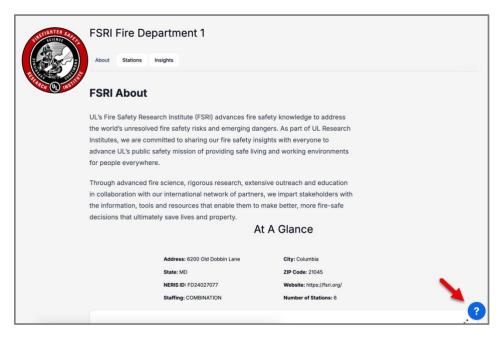






Using the Help Widget

If you are ever uncertain about how to accomplish a task within NERIS or need more information or guidance, the Help widget is accessible at any time on the bottom-right corner of every screen in the NERIS system. You can also use the Help widget to submit any issues you are experiencing while using NERIS. See *Submit an Issue* for more information.



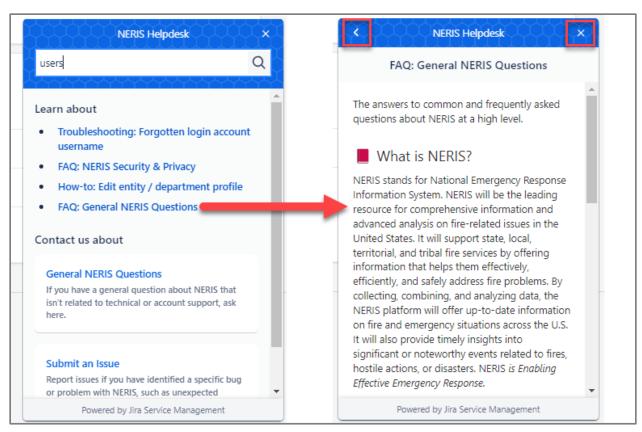
When you click the Help widget icon, the NERIS Helpdesk field appears. Type in your search criteria and press **Return**.



A list of potential results appears. Click on any of the results to learn more. Click the arrowhead (<) to return to the previous window or click the **X** icon to close the Help widget.



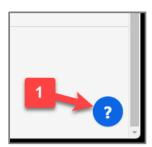




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2. Enter a brief description of your issue and press **Return**.



- 3. Click **Submit an Issue** when the NERIS Helpdesk window appears.
- 4. Fill out the relevant information and click **Send** to submit your issue.





