



16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives



1. ADVOCATE CHANGE

Define and advocate the need for a cultural change within the fire service relating to safety; incorporating leadership, management, supervision, accountability and personal responsibility.

2. ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

Enhance the personal and organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service.

3. FOCUS ON RISK MANAGEMENT

Focus greater attention on the integration of risk management with incident management at all levels, including strategic, tactical, and planning responsibilities.

4. EMPOWERMENT

All firefighters must be empowered to stop unsafe practices.

5. DEVELOP TRAINING STANDARDS

Develop and implement national standards for training, qualifications, and certification (including regular recertification) that are equally applicable to all firefighters based on the duties they are expected to perform.

6. DEVELOP MEDICAL AND FITNESS STANDARDS

Develop and implement national medical and physical fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.

7. CREATE AGENDA

Create a national research agenda and data collection system that relates to the initiatives.



8. UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY

Utilize available technology wherever it can produce higher levels of health and safety.

9. THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS

Thoroughly investigate all firefighter fatalities, injuries, and near misses.

10. SUPPORT SAFE PRACTICES

Grant programs should support the implementation of safe practices and/or mandate safe practices as an eligibility requirement.

11. DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

National standards for emergency response policies and procedures should be developed and championed.

12. NATIONAL PROTOCOLS

National protocols for response to violent incidents should be developed and championed.

13. ACCESS TO COUNSELING

Firefighters and their families must have access to counseling and psychological support.

14. ENHANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public education must receive more resources and be championed as a critical fire and life safety program.

15. ADVOCATE SPRINKLERS

Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.

16. SAFETY FIRST

Safety must be a primary consideration in the design of apparatus and equipment.

**Duty and responsibility -
Make EVERY DAY a
TRAINING DAY....so that...
EVERYONE GOES HOME!**