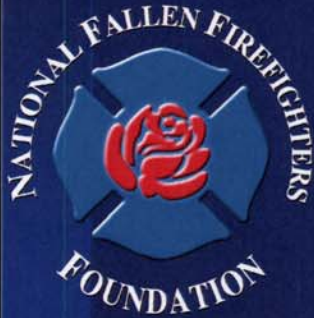


# National Fallen Firefighters Foundation



“Our Mission  
is to  
Honor and Assist”

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- Created by U.S. Congress in 1992
  - To honor and remember America's fallen heroes
  - To provide necessary resources to assist their survivors in the rebuilding of their lives.
  - To work within the Fire Service Community to reduce firefighter deaths
- A non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation in Maryland.



# A GRATEFUL NATION



- Focus Group (FRI, August '03)
- LODD Summit (Tampa, March '04)
- National Perspective
  1. Health and Fitness
  2. Vehicle Operations
  3. Structural Operations
  4. Training and General Research
  5. Wildland Operations
  6. Fire Prevention



## Program Goal for Firefighter Fatalities

Five Years

25% Reduction

Ten Years

50% Reduction



## Initiative # 1



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

## Initiative # 2

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



### Initiative # 3



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

### Initiative # 4

All firefighters must be empowered to stop unsafe practices.



## Initiative # 5

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



## Initiative # 6

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.



## Initiative # 7

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



## Initiative # 8

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



## Initiative # 9

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



## Initiative # 10



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



## Initiative # 11

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



## Initiative # 12

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

**Kentucky Firefighter Killed, Second Wounded in Shooting at Scene of Domestic Incident**  
**"Worst Nightmare": Domestic Dispute Call Turns to Tragedy**

**Memphis: History of Firefighting Presents More Dangers Than Just Fire**

**Six Firefighters Shot, Injured in Indiana Violence**  
**All Remain Hospitalized, One Seriously**



## Initiative # 13



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

## Initiative # 14

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



## Initiative # 15



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

## Initiative # 16

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





“The Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives program is made possible through the efforts of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation with funding provided by the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the generosity of Firemen’s Fund Insurance.”



## Major Program Component-Education

### ■ Produce and distribute CD/DVD Training and Information Packages

- 30,000 Training Kits for Fire Stations
- Delivered directly to each department
- Free to any department that wants it



## Major Program Component-Awareness



- Developed and deployed the “Everyone Goes Home” Website
- [www.everyonegoeshome.com](http://www.everyonegoeshome.com)
- Developed a Speakers Bureau
  - Produced multi disciplined training programs for audiences all across the United States and Canada
- Newsletter

## Major Program Component-Research



- **Establish two Research Centers**
  - Equipment/Technology
    - Hardware elements
  - Intellectual Components
    - Software elements
- **Technology Transfer**

## Major Program Component-Input



- Conducted four mini-summits and a forum in conjunction with major fire service conferences
  - San Diego-FireHouse World-Wildland
  - Indianapolis-FDIC-Training
  - Baltimore-FireHouse Expo-Structural
  - Denver – IAFC FRI (forum)
  - Orlando- FDSOA Apparatus Symposium -Vehicle

## Major Program Component-Models

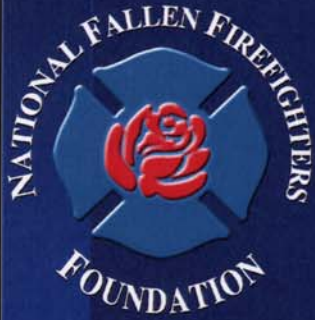


### Support Five Demonstration Projects

- FDNY
- Montgomery County, Md
- NFPA
- TCOOO-LODD
- “Courage to be Safe”



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**THANK YOU !**