



SPECIAL ORDER



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Subject:

Near Miss Reporting

1. The chain of events surrounding fatalities and injuries has oftentimes occurred elsewhere as a near miss. The lessons learned from the firefighters who have had near miss experiences never make it past their own firehouse kitchen table ... until now.
2. The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System is turning near miss experiences into lessons learned for everyone in the fire service community.
3. The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System is voluntary, confidential, non-punitive and secure. The goal is to improve firefighter safety by collecting, sharing, and analyzing information on near miss experiences.
4. In order to report a near miss incident, personnel must follow these procedures:
 - a. Electronically fill out the Near Miss Form located under the "Forms" label on the DFRS IntraNet webpage.
 - b. Email, via GroupWise, a saved copy of the completed form to the Safety Officer and the appropriate field battalion chief/volunteer fire chief.
5. The incident will be reviewed and a determination will be made regarding whether to:
 - a. forward the information to the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System, or
 - b. to use the information strictly for in-house training purposes.

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