



“Everyone Goes Home”

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Recognizing the need to do more to prevent line-of-duty deaths and injuries, the Foundation has launched a national initiative to bring prevention to the forefront.

The Foundation will play a major role in helping the U.S. Fire Administration meet its stated goal to reduce firefighter fatalities by 25% within 5 years, and by 50% within 10 years. The Foundation sees fire service adoption of the Summit's initiatives as a vital step in meeting this goal.



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Life Safety Initiatives

- 1.** Define & advocate the need for a cultural change within the fire service relating to safety, incorporating leadership, management, supervision, accountability & personal responsibility.
- 2.** Enhance the personal & organizational accountability for health & safety throughout the fire service.
- 3.** Focus greater attention on the integration of risk management with incident management at all levels, including strategic, tactical, & planning responsibilities.
- 4.** Empower all firefighters to stop unsafe practices.
- 5.** 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 & implement national medical & physical fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.
- 7.** Create a national research agenda & data collection system that relate to the initiatives.
- 8.** Utilize available technology wherever it can produce higher levels of health & safety.
- 9.** Thoroughly investigate all firefighter fatalities, injuries, & near misses.
- 10.** Ensure grant programs support the implementation of safe practices and/or mandate safe practices as an eligibility requirement.
- 11.** Develop & champion national standards for emergency response policies & procedures.
- 12.** Develop & champion national protocols for response to violent incidents.
- 13.** Provide firefighters & their families access to counseling & psychological support.
- 14.** Provide public education more resources & champion it as a critical fire & life safety program.
- 15.** Strengthen advocacy for the enforcement of codes & the installation of home fire sprinklers.
- 16.** Make safety a primary consideration in the design of apparatus & equipment.