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Hey,

As most of you know, the NFPA calculates FF LODD's a bit differently than the USFA, NFFF, IAFF etc. Why? They have been doing it for years-well before most others were-and they continue to maintain their preferred standard. Either way-the info is good, as much as we do support the need for one standard in reporting. With no surprise, cardiac related deaths remain # 1-as shown in the USFA and other related LODD reports. READ the report-there is some excellent information in it (link below).

For the first time in three years, the number of on-the-job firefighter deaths in the United States has dropped below 100. Their annual Firefighter Fatality Report, released yesterday shows a sharp drop in the number of fatalities in 2009. Eighty-two firefighters were killed in the line of duty last year, substantially fewer than the 10-year average of 98 and down even more from the 105 killed in 2008. This is the lowest annual total since NFPA recorded 79 deaths in 1993 and the third lowest total since NFPA began this study in 1977.

"While a drop over one year certainly isn't enough to show a trend, it is definitely encouraging to see the number of firefighter fatalities drop well below that 10-year average," said Rita Fahy, NFPA's manager of fire databases and systems. "We are hopeful that we will continue to see fewer and fewer firefighter fatalities over the next 10 years."

Each year, NFPA collects data on all firefighter fatalities in the U.S. that resulted from injuries or illnesses that occurred while the victims were on-duty. The report is a compelling picture of the risks to the nation's firefighters.

As in most years, the number one cause of on-duty firefighter fatalities was sudden cardiac death. While the number of such deaths has been trending downwards since the late 1970s, sudden cardiac death still accounted for 39 percent of the on-duty deaths in the last five years, and 42 percent in 2009 alone, underscoring the need for wellness-fitness programs and health screenings for firefighters across the nation.

Other key findings in the report include:

=There were six deaths at five intentionally-set fires in 2009. From 2000 through 2009, 60 firefighters (6.1 percent of all on-duty deaths) died in connection with intentionally-set fires. The number of these deaths annually has been dropping since 1985.

=There were nine deaths in crashes of road vehicles in 2009, a significant decline in the category that regularly accounts for the second largest share of deaths. This is the lowest total since 1983.

=Over the past 10 years, 29 firefighter deaths have resulted from false calls, including malicious false alarms and alarm malfunctions.

=Of the 82 firefighters who died while on duty, 41 were volunteer firefighters, 31 were career firefighters, while the remaining were employees or contractors of federal and local land management

agencies or private fire safety crews.

=The NFPA report examines the types of duties associated with firefighter deaths, the cause and nature of fatal injuries to firefighters and the ages of the firefighters who died. The report highlights deaths in intentionally-set fires and in motor vehicle-related incidents. The study also presents summaries of individual incidents that illustrate important problems or concerns in firefighter safety.

The full NFPA report is available HERE: <http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files//PDF/osfff.pdf>

HERE is the USFA LODD Report Information: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

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