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As you may recall, on September of 2010, a 26-year-old Ohio Firefighter was killed when a pressurized 120-gallon water tank exploded during operations at a brush fire. The water tank was mounted in the rear of the FD's 1986 surplus military Humvee and was part of the FD's portable pressurized water system for brush fires. The Firefighter was standing near the rear of the Humvee watching other firefighters put the system into operation---when the tank exploded. The force of the explosion caused the base of the tank to separate from the tank and strike a motorized hose reel mounted at the rear of the Humvee's bed. The resultant force dislodged the hose reel which struck the victim, killing him instantly. Another Firefighter was knocked down by the force of the explosion and 2 other FF's were nearby-but uninjured.

WHY did this happen?

- The improper use of a self-made water delivery system without an over-pressurization safety relief or other safety mechanism and inappropriate system components.
- Limited written operating procedures and policies.
- The pressure gauge on the water delivery system was inappropriate for its intended use.
- There was limited training in the use of the equipment.

HERE is the entire NIOSH report:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face201032.html>

THE PUBLIC TRUST-Some Outstanding Firefighter 30 second Videos...Doing It Right

Last spring, you may recall we sent you a video from the Redwood City (CA) Firefighters called "We Never Had A Fire".

HERE it is again:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Redwoodcityfire#p/a/u/0/B4zwLnMHmJU>.

That video was an outstanding and positive testimonial from **THEIR** community members (customers) that speak of the importance of the Firefighters in their lives. If the goal of a FD is for the citizens to "feel" that they cannot "live without" their Firefighters, the Redwood City Firefighters got it right.

HERE ARE SOME MORE BRAND NEW VIDEOS FROM THE REDWOOD CITY FIREFIGHTERS:

Since then, they have cut a few other VERY cool videos to help their cause and to share with YOU-other FF's and Departments across North America-and the world. These videos are OUTSTANDING raw testimonials about what it really means to treat Mrs Smith like family...and how it makes them feel to uphold the public trust by checking in on their customers

"after the call". It is also a good indicator on how their "customers=taxpayers" will act if "THEIR" Firefighters are facing budget issues from City Hall dwellers. The below 30 second videos are the Redwood City Firefighters PSA's that they are actually running in their local movie theatres and for related use....take some time to check these out...
...maybe they can be used as a model for OTHER FD's who have similar trust from their public.

Movie Theatre Cut #1-Firefighter Testimonies

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Redwoodcityfire#p/a/u/1/VdXs9QzvThe>

Movie Theatre Cut#2-Firefighter Family Piece

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Redwoodcityfire#p/a/u/2/iY8TMwQHdOw>

150 Years of Public Trust

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Redwoodcityfire#p/u/4/OwO6-XkNoIk>

150 Years of Care Beyond The Call

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Redwoodcityfire#p/u/7/hUoPzvO6OEU>

150 Years of Pride

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Redwoodcityfire#p/u/5/bgg6BZuXPSI>

Our sincere thanks to the Redwood City FF's and especially Brother Justin V.
Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

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