



Near-Miss Matters

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While the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System receives reports from all-hazards of the fire and emergency service, the vast majority of our reports are from firefighters. Two studies were highlighted on various web sites that are of particular interest to firefighters but effect everyone in the fire and emergency service. Careercast.com lists firefighting as the most stressful job based on environment, income, employment outlook, stress and physical demands. The.dailybeast.com ranked the most dangerous jobs based on 2008 data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Firefighting was listed as the 13th most dangerous job out of 20 jobs ranked. Visit the near-miss fan page on Facebook to comment on these two studies. Be sure to invite your Facebook friends to be a fan of the near-miss fan page.

Read the [May 2010 Near-Miss Calendar](#) case study on ground ladders and note the related grouped reports in the resources section. The case study was written by Patrick Pauly, Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Resident Instructor. Instructor Pauly also submitted the winning essay for the 2009 Near-Miss Reporting System Safety Leadership Award. Click [here](#) for information on submitting an essay for this year's award. The deadline is June 1st.

Also, check out this month's May Table Top Exercise in the Resources Section below.

Until next month, stay safe.

Did You Know...

→ That the near-miss reporting system is an all-hazards reporting system? If you have had an EMS near-miss or a hazmat near-miss, submit your story to the [near-miss website](#).

→ That you can submit a report from 10 years ago? The near-miss reporting system does not have a statute of limitations on event dates. We know that all reports contain valuable information no matter when the event occurred.

For more Frequently Asked Questions, visit us [here](#).

ROTW

→ [ROTW 040110](#): Where is that buzzing coming from? (05-490)

→ [ROTW 040810](#): Having the courage to say, 'no' (10-567)

→ [ROTW 041510](#): Get in and get it. No wait, don't go in there. (10-651)

→ [ROTW 042210](#): Is it 'all clear' before or after I hit defibrillate? (10-665)

→ [ROTW 042910](#): Is that line charged properly? (10-038)

Resources

→ Table Top Training Drill: [Report #10-277](#)

→ Grouped Reports: [Ground Ladders](#)

→ [Ten Tips for Report Writing](#)

Upcoming Events

→ [CFED West Conference Expo](#)
May 12-14, 2010
Palm Springs, CA

→ Georgia Fire Academy Training
May 11 & 18, 2010
Forsyth, GA

→ Montour Falls Workshops
May 24-26, 2010
Montour Falls, NY

Poll Results

In conjunction with ROTW 10-567, does your department have mechanics that are certified as "emergency vehicle technicians"?

No. Our department contracts maintenance out.	41%
No. The mechanics in my department are not EVT certified.	23%
Yes. The mechanics have at least one EVT certification.	14%
Yes. The mechanics have multiple EVT certifications.	22%
Total	65

[Vote in the current poll!](#)

Testimonial

I believe that the Near-Miss program is a great tool for all firefighters to use to make sure that they do not repeat mistakes that have been done before. If we do not know the history of mistakes that other firefighters have made we are doomed to repeat them.

Captain Kyle Van Buskirk, Deerfield Beach Fire Department (FL)



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