



# Near-Miss Matters

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In our recent on-line survey, more than 75% of you reported that you acted differently because of something you read in a Report of the Week. In the 2011 Near-Miss Calendar, we want to feature examples of this. If you reported to us that you acted differently because of a Report of the Week, please e-mail Amy Tippet at [atippet@iafc.org](mailto:atippet@iafc.org) with your story.

Visit the homepage of [www.firefighternearmiss.com](http://www.firefighternearmiss.com) for two new videos. The first video demonstrates how easy it is to submit a near-miss report. The second video provides general information about the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System. To download the videos for your own use, visit the "Videos and Photos" section of the Resources page.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the booth at Fire-Rescue International in Chicago last month. Be sure to visit the near-miss table at the California Fire Chiefs Conference on September 20.

Until next month, stay safe.

## Check It Out!

→ Check out the [Illustrated Case Studies](#) on the Resources page. These PowerPoint presentations can be downloaded and used for quick drills. For example, [Report # 10-163](#) features a roof collapse during fire attack. The photos dramatically illustrate the importance of recognizing structural integrity to prevent firefighter injuries.

## ROTW

→ [ROTW 080510](#): Make sure they can swim before they sink. (10-851)

→ [ROTW 081210](#): The airbag deployed when? (10-990)

→ [ROTW 081910](#): Did the staircase just buckle? (10-1048)

→ [ROTW 082610](#): The tools get heavier with each passing minute. (10-869)

## Resources

→ [September Table Top Exercise-Hazardous Materials](#)

→ September 2010 Calendar Training: [Hazardous Materials](#)

## Upcoming Events

→ [California Fire Chiefs Association Conference](#)  
September 20-21, 2010  
Riverside, CA

→ [West Virginia Training Workshop](#)  
October 2-3, 2010

→ [Georgia Fire Academy Training](#)  
October 19-20, 2010  
Forsyth, GA

## Near-Miss Fundamentals:

Today's firefighters serve many roles in protecting their communities, including the need to take necessary precautions when there is the potential of a hazardous materials incident. Valuable lessons are learned when dealing with hazardous materials incidents. Because of this, it is important to remember that the [National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System](#) is an all-hazards reporting system. The lessons learned at one type of incident can often be applied to all types of incidents (i.e. proper maintenance and use of PPE).

Be sure to check out this month's calendar training topic and table top exercise for more examples of near-miss reports dealing with hazardous materials. If you have experienced a near-miss event involving hazardous materials, submit your report today to help another firefighter tomorrow.

## Testimonial

*The near-miss reporting system is an excellent tool that can and should be used with each after incident critique done on a company or even a multiple company level. This system has an excellent index system for finding incidents similar to those you may have witnessed, and wish to correct within your department.*

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