



Near-Miss Matters

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This month's Near-Miss Calendar topic is Emergency Driver Safety written by Lieutenant Michael Caviness of the Burlington Fire Department (NC). The case study highlights the importance of wearing seatbelts. After reviewing the grouped reports for this month (posted on the [Resources](#) page), use the discussion questions from the calendar for reinforcement of following best practices in emergency driver safety. Also included on the Resources page under "2011 Calendar Module" is a PowerPoint presentation about emergency driver safety. If your department has best practices that they would like to share with other departments, please e-mail them to atippett@iafc.org.

Check It Out!

→The Annual Server Test will take place this Thursday, February 3rd. Please help us out by participating and selecting the link in this week's ROTW. Thank you for your cooperation!

Burlington Fire Department was the recipient of the 2010 National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Safety Leadership Award. The award-winning essay submitted by Safety Officer Todd Bradley is included in the 2011 Near-Miss Calendar. Beginning March 1st, essays for the 2011 Near-Miss Safety Leadership Award will be accepted. Details for the award contest will be in next month's Near-Miss Matters.

ROTW

- [ROTW 010611](#): "Snared but not trapped." (10-1286)
- [ROTW011311](#): "It's not supposed to be pump and roll." (10-1265)
- [ROTW 012011](#): "Spun him like a top." (11-0002)
- [ROTW 012711](#): "Following 1403 Pays Off." (11-0011)

Resources

- [February 2011 Calendar Module: Emergency Driving Safety](#)
- [February 2011: Grouped Reports](#)
- [February 2011 Table Top Training Exercise: Vacant Structures](#)

Upcoming Events

- [FDIC Booth #4630](#)
March 24-26, 2011
Indianapolis, IN

Near-Miss Fundamentals:

Anyone in a fire and emergency department can submit a near-miss report regardless of their rank. In 2010, the majority (52%) of all reports came from fire fighters. 27% of reports came from company officers. 9% of reports came from chief officers. 4% came from the fire chief and 7% came from other ranks. It is important to receive reports from all ranks because of the diversity of roles and experiences. If your crew experiences a near-miss event, encourage everyone to submit a near-miss report.

Testimonial

"As a result of our attitudes and efforts, we have been successful in dramatically reducing the number of injuries our personnel suffer over the past three years. The national Near-Miss Reporting System has played a major part in our efforts."

-Todd Bradley, Safety Officer, Burlington Fire Department (NC)



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