



# Near-Miss Matters

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This month's Near-Miss Calendar topic is on Incident Command (IC) written by Chief Billy Goldfeder. Chief Goldfeder is Chairman of the IAFC Safety, Health & Survival Section, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and is Deputy Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes FD in Ohio. Chief Goldfeder, along with retired California Highway Patrol Captain Gordon Graham, hosts and sponsors [www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com](http://www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com). They both serve on the Near-Miss Advisory Board and play an integral role in the ongoing development of the Near-Miss Program.

## Did You Know?

→ That Near-Miss is on Twitter. Become one of our followers at [#FFNearmiss](https://twitter.com/FFNearmiss) and stay up to date with all of the latest information from the Near-Miss Reporting System.

This month's case study highlights the importance of knowing your department's SOP/SOGs for IC. After reviewing the grouped reports for this month's topic, use the discussion questions from the calendar to reinforce the importance of following best practices. Also included on the Resources page under "[2011 Calendar Module](#)" is a case study focusing on reports related to effective IC. If your department has any best practices to share, please email them to [atippett@iafc.org](mailto:atippett@iafc.org).

The Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week is June 19-25, 2011 and the theme is "Surviving the Fire Ground - Fire Fighter, Fire Officer & Command Preparedness." Stay tuned for supporting materials from near-miss reports involving maydays. For more information about this important week, visit [www.iafc.org/safety](http://www.iafc.org/safety).

If you are attending FDIC in Indianapolis, don't forget to visit Near-Miss Booth #4630.

Until next month, stay safe.

## ROTW

- [ROTW 020311](#): "Board on the side of safety." (10-279)
- [ROTW 021011](#): "That is somebody's loved one." (05-435)
- [ROTW 021711](#): "I guess it was more than the block could take." (11-073)
- [ROTW 022411](#): "Wear your mask, clean your PPE, and get a physical." (09-1144)

## Resources

- [March 2011 Calendar Module: Incident Command](#)
- [March 2011: Grouped Reports](#)
- [March 2011 Table Top Training Exercise: Responding to Gas Leaks](#)
- [Grouped Reports: Scene Size Ups](#)

## Upcoming Events

- [FDIC Booth #4630](#)  
March 24-26, 2011  
Indianapolis, IN
- [FRI Booth #5048](#)  
August 23-27, 2011  
Atlanta, GA

## Near-Miss Fundamentals:

A common misconception about submitting a report is that training is required beforehand. However, that is false. The best way to learn how to submit a report is reading other reports on [www.firefighternearmiss.com](http://www.firefighternearmiss.com). Click on "Search Reports" and enter keywords into the search field. This will begin your exploration of more than 4,500 near-miss reports received from firefighters/EMTs who want to help one another by sharing their experiences. By reading the event narrative and lessons learned sections, you will have a better understanding of what to write in your report. To learn more about submitting a report, click on the "How to Submit a Report" video located [here](#).

## Testimonial

*"I use the ROTW as part of my weekly table top discussion amongst all the companies in our department. You have created a powerful, real world tool, that the rank and file firefighters believe in...because it is ourselves talking to us...sharing lessons learned."*

-T/O Christopher V. Smith Training Division North Cumberland Fire (RI)





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