



Near-Miss Matters

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David Wall, Director of the Georgia Fire Academy, wrote this month's calendar case study on training safety. Georgia firefighters are now able to access an [online training course](#) available through the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Students are able to learn about the Near-Miss Program including how to search the database of more than 4,500 reports and how to submit a report to help another firefighter/EMT. The online course was created by the Georgia Fire Academy and is only available to Georgia firefighters. The Near-Miss Program thanks Director Wall and the Georgia Fire Academy for their continued support of the program. We will keep you informed of other state fire academies working on similar courses in the future.

What's New

→ If you haven't listened to the live podcast, *Taking it to the Streets: Near-Miss Reporting and One Captain's Close Call*, you can still listen [here](#).

Available to everyone is the information on the Resources page for this month's topic. You can access a grouped reports document on training safety-related reports and an SOP on training safety that you can customize to fit the needs of your department. If you have any training safety related documents (best practices, SOP/SOGs, etc.), please send them to atippett@iafc.org.

Until next month, stay safe.

ROTW

→ [ROTW 030311](#): "Foam is Foam, Right?" (10-930)

→ [ROTW 031011](#): "It was just a little gas." (11-017)

→ [ROTW 031711](#): "A homeowner's ladder can't be trusted." (11-096)

→ [ROTW 032411](#): "The pumper has the longest tail..." (11-076)

→ [ROTW 033111](#): "Good blocking prevents more than a sack." (11-035)

Resources

→ [April 2011 Calendar Module: Training Safety](#)

→ [April 2011: Grouped Reports](#)

→ [April 2011 Table Top Training Exercise: Electrical Wires Down](#)

→ [Grouped Reports: NFPA 1403](#)

Upcoming Events

→ [FRI Booth #5048](#)
August 23-27, 2011
Atlanta, GA

Near-Miss Fundamentals:

A misconception about near-miss reporting is that a report should only be submitted when something goes wrong. However, that is false. In many cases, a near miss can occur when best practices are being followed. For example, Report [06-025](#) involves a structure fire where all the utilities were secured. However, there was an illegal 220v circuit that bypassed the main breaker to support an illegal marijuana operation. A captain came in contact with an energized electrical wire in a wall. The crew did everything according to their SOPs but the unexpected happened. Think of a time when the unexpected happened to you when you were following best practices. Submit your near-miss event so others can be prepared for the unexpected.

Testimonial

"Thank you for the continued efforts to keep firefighters safe through reported near-miss incidents. We can always learn from each other's near-miss events."

-Report Submitter





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