

Near-Miss Matters

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The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System received two reports regarding Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) tanks in fast food restaurants. These reports can be viewed [here](#). The Phoenix Fire Department has created an important firefighter safety alert and accompanying video which can be viewed on their website, www.phoenix.gov/fire. If you have experienced a near-miss incident with CO₂ tanks, please submit your report today. Information gathered on these types of incidents will help raise awareness of this hazard.

Coming this month is the most recent webinar, Tools of the Trade. Join Program Trainers Rob Clemons and Steve Mormino as they discuss taking a proactive approach to firefighter/EMT safety by doing risk assessments using the Near-Miss Reporting System. The webinar will be posted by October 21st.

This month's table top exercise focuses the attention on Carbon Monoxide (CO) and the value of using CO monitors. This coupled with the CO₂ tank reports remind us that the "routine" calls can become anything but routine.

Until next month, stay safe.

What's New

Order your free 2012 Near-Miss Calendars today. Topics include: crew integrity, rapid intervention teams, and EMS scene safety. Email atippett@iafc.org your name, mailing address and the quantity you would like to order. Calendars will be mailed in late December/early January.

ROTW

ROTW 0904811: "Where did everybody go." (10-537)

ROTW 091511: "80,000 gallons later, we entered the structure." (07-1036)

ROTW 0092111: "Buffer zones and blocking pay dividends." (11-292)

ROTW 092911: "How much do you want the job?" (11-197)

Resources

[October 2011 Calendar Module: SCBA](#)

[October 2011: Grouped Reports](#)

[Table Top Training Exercise- October 2011: Carbon Monoxide](#)

Upcoming Events

South Shore Volunteer Fireman's Association
October 8, 2011
Long Island, NY

Near-Miss Fundamentals:

Use the Search Reports feature to look for reports that could have happened in your department. Use Advanced Search, the third search option, and enter parameters similar to your department. Then talk to your crew about how you would handle similar incidents.

Testimonial

"At the start of every shift, I print a report and share it with my crew while we are having our morning coffee. It's a great way for a quick reminder for us to stay alert and not become compliant. I also remind them that if something happens on the shift, it's important to submit a report so that other firefighters can avoid getting hurt. It's our way of paying it forward."

-Recent Report Submitter

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