



Near-Miss Matters

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Personal protective equipment (PPE) is this month's Near-Miss Calendar topic. About one out of every ten reports received on www.firefighternearmiss.com mentions PPE. This abundance of reports highlights the critical need to reinforce properly fitting, maintaining and wearing PPE. This involves following manufacturers' recommendations, NFPA standards and your department's protocols. Two new resources have been posted on the Resources page to reinforce the importance of proper use of PPE this month.

Also new to the Resources page are two [illustrated case studies](#). Report 12-046 involves two firefighters becoming disoriented in a fire. Report 12-064 involves a vehicle infringing on an established helicopter landing zone. Download the second episode of the [After Action](#) podcast with guests Deputy Chief John Sullivan discussing Crew Resource Management and Chief Gary Morris discussing the Firefighter Rules of Engagement. Special thanks to the [International Association of Fire Chief's Safety, Health and Survival section](#) and the [International Society of Fire Service Instructors](#) for partnering with the Near-Miss Program on this podcast.

If you will be attending FDIC this month, be sure to visit the near-miss booth (Indiana Convention Center, booth 328). We look forward to seeing you there.

Until next month, stay safe.

What's New

»Near-Miss Trainers are available to come to your department to teach your members about all that the Near-Miss Program has to offer. The program is currently scheduling training sessions in May and June. Please e-mail atippett@iafc.org if you are interested in finding out more about this or visit the "Training Opportunities" section on the [Resources page](#).

ROTW

[ROTW 030112](#): "Crew Resource Management" (09-742)

[ROTW 030812](#): "What's that you see, Captain?" (11-205)

[ROTW 031512](#): "Weathering the Storm." (07-652)

[ROTW 032212](#): "Landing Zone Lock Down." (12-064)

[ROTW REWIND 032912](#): "Experience Doesn't Matter If You Cant Stay Inside" (06-226)

Resources

[After Action - Episode 2](#)

[April Calendar Module](#)

[April Grouped Reports](#)

[April Table Top Exercise \(Personal Protective Equipment\)](#)

[Illustrated Case Studies](#)

Upcoming Events

[FDIC \(Booth 328\)](#)

April 16-21, 2012;
Indianapolis, IN

[Fire Rescue International \(Booth 8103\)](#)

August 1-4, 2012;
Denver, CO

Near-Miss Fundamentals:

If you submit a report (with your contact information) and you have photos of the event, let your report reviewer know this information. After de-identifying the photos and getting departmental approval for the photos, the report reviewer will create an illustrated case study to help others learn from the incident.

Testimonial

"We have a lot of younger personnel on our department and they want to know "why" we do things the way we do. So to help answer those questions, we use near-miss reports that relate to our existing lessons plans. We have had positive response from all personnel due to this simple change to training. What a great way to learn how to minimize and hopefully eliminate mistakes!"

-Lieutenant Randy McCreddie, City of Fairfield Fire Department (CT)



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