



# Near-Miss Matters

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This month's Near-Miss Calendar topic is EMS Scene Safety. In support of this topic, there is a new PowerPoint and grouped reports document on the Resources page of [www.firefighternearmiss.com](http://www.firefighternearmiss.com). May 20-26 is the American College of Emergency Physician's National EMS Week. National EMS Week honors those dedicated to providing lifesaving services and recognizes the services provided by first responders on a daily basis. Visit [www.acep.org/emswEEK/](http://www.acep.org/emswEEK/) for a 2012 EMS Week Planning Guide.

One of the most frequently asked questions the program receives is if people can submit EMS reports to the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System. The answer is yes. The Near-Miss Program is an all-hazards reporting system. To view EMS-related reports, go to the Search Reports page of [www.firefighternearmiss.com](http://www.firefighternearmiss.com), and conduct an "Advanced Search" by selecting "Non-Fire Emergency Event" from the "Type of Event" field. On the first page you will notice reports from 2012 like: "Smoking bystander endangers EMS providers.", "Standing by for EMS results in heat exhaustion.", and "Injury sustained by FFs while lifting patient." If you have experienced a near-miss report involving an EMS-related event, take 15 minutes to submit your report today to help another firefighter/EMT tomorrow.

We are pleased to announce that U.S. Fire Administrator Ernie Mitchell will be the special guest of this month's After Action podcast. We will announce on the Report of the Week when the podcast is available. And if you haven't filled out the near-miss [questionnaire](#) yet, you have until May 7th to provide your feedback and suggestions.

Until next month, stay safe.

## What's New

It's time to start planning for the [2012 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week](#) which is June 17-23. Check out a new grouped reports document on the resources page to use in your planning.

## ROTW

[ROTW 040512](#): "Practice What You Preach." (05-650)

[ROTW 041212](#): "Do you smell gasoline or is it just me?" (12-066)

[ROTW 041912](#): "Saw Shakes, Rattles, and Rolls" (12-076)

[ROTW REWIND 042612](#): "I thought he...she...they took care of that!" (06-348)

## Resources

[After Action - Episode 3](#)

[May Calendar Module](#)

[May Grouped Reports](#)

[May Table Top Exercise \(Attic Fires\)](#)

[Grouped Reports - 2012 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week](#)

## Upcoming Events

[Tennessee Fire Service and Code Enforcement Academy](#)

May 30, 2012; Bell Buckle, TN

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

August 1-4, 2012; Denver, CO

## Near-Miss Fundamentals:

Did you know that you can submit the answers to Report of the Week (ROTW) discussion questions to Fire Department Safety Officers Association (FDSOA) for two CEUs toward certification as either an Incident Safety Officer or a Health and Safety Officer? For additional information regarding certification as an Incident Safety Officer or a Health and Safety Officer, visit [www.fdsOA.org/](http://www.fdsOA.org/). Also visit their website for information about the FDSOA 2012 Annual Safety Forum (September 23-28) where near-miss trainers will be presenting "War Stories with a Purpose."

## Testimonial

*"I read near-miss reports and use the examples in training exercises. I use a report in a drill to generate interest, or explain why we need to complete the training or during the debrief as an example of why the drill we just completed has a real world story, history or example. The goal is to make training real and applicable!"*

-FF Timothy Kelly NREMT-I, EMT I/C Devens Fire Department (MA)



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