



# Near-Miss Matters

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Thanks to everyone who visited us at Fire-Rescue International last week. It was great to have the chance to talk with you about how you and your department are using the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System. We continue to make improvements to the program based on your feedback.

August's topic in the [Near-Miss Calendar](#) is Crew Integrity and supporting training tools are posted on the Resources page of [www.firefighternearmiss.com](http://www.firefighternearmiss.com). The importance of crew integrity is a featured component of many line-of-duty-death investigations occurring during fireground operations. Captain William Mora of the San Antonio Fire Department's report "[U.S. Firefighter Disorientation Study](#)" noted that crew integrity was lost in 17 out of 17 firefighter fatality investigations.

Until next month, stay safe.

## What's New

→ We have compiled [grouped reports documents](#) of every near-miss report submitted by month from January through June 2012. Read about the latest near-miss events submitted to the system and use them for training.

## ROTW

[ROTW 070512](#): "One cloud you will want to stay out of." (08-221)

[ROTW 071212](#): "Inspect that chain saw with a fine tooth comb." (12-051)

[ROTW 071912](#): "Down but definitely not out." (12-134)

[ROTW REWIND 072612](#): "It's one of our own!" (08-025)

## Resources

[August Calendar Module](#)

[August Grouped Reports](#)

[August Table Top Exercise](#)

[July After Action Podcast](#)

## Upcoming Events

[FDSOA Annual Safety Forum](#)

September 22-28, 2012;  
Orlando, FL

## Near-Miss Fundamentals:

The program's definition of a near miss is an unintentional unsafe occurrence that could have resulted in an injury, fatality or property damage if not for a fortunate break in the chain of events leading to the event. In fact, anything less than a fatality can be reported to [www.firefighternearmiss.com](http://www.firefighternearmiss.com). The general rule is that if you think something is a near miss, then it is a near miss.

## Testimonial

*"I couldn't let my event go unreported. I thought when the car pulled in front of me there was going to be a collision. I believe that having others read my report will help them pay attention at intersections."*

-Report Submitter



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