



FYI Bulletin

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Background:

The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System recently received a report regarding a power saw head detaching during operation. It is our policy to relay this information to you for evaluation if this issue involves your area of operational responsibility.

Event Summary:

Firefighters were using a power saw to cut a wooden truss assembly during a training evolution. The blade assembly became detached. It was determined after interior inspection of the saw, that the rear bolt was either not present prior to operating the saw or that the bolt became loose during the operation. The fire department contacted the manufacturer and was told that there were no similar incidents reported. The report submitter stressed the importance of inspecting equipment, including checking bolts and fasteners, prior to and periodically during operations.

For More Information:

- Read the entire Report [12-076](#).
- View the [illustrated case study](#).

About Near-Miss Reporting System Messaging Policy:

The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System has a three-tiered messaging policy. Alert bulletins are used to describe a specific, serious hazard or safety-related situation. FYI Bulletins are used for conditions or situations to be aware of. Safety inquiries are used to ask for information about certain events or conditions. The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System does not make formal recommendations; rather it provides information based on reports received from the fire and emergency service. Members of the fire and emergency service are encouraged to post this FYI Bulletin in their station and/or department.

Please send comments, questions or feedback regarding this FYI Bulletin to info@firefighternearmiss.com.

About the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System:

The goal of the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System is to improve firefighter/EMT safety by collecting, analyzing and distributing information on near-miss events. The program is managed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. For more information, visit <http://www.firefighternearmiss.com>.