

NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program Survey

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Every year, 80 to 100 firefighters die in the line of duty. When line of duty deaths occur, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP) conducts independent investigations of firefighter fatalities and makes recommendations for avoiding similar incidents. NIOSH is interested in learning more about the safety practices of the United States Fire Service, as well as firefighter familiarity with the NIOSH FFIPP investigation reports (aka Line of Duty Death (LODD) Investigation Reports). Your responses will help us improve the quality of the reports and how NIOSH distributes the information found in these reports.

In the last few weeks, you should have received a message from one of the national fire service organizations explaining this study and how we will protect your privacy. The survey will take between 10 and 25 minutes. Your responses to the questions will be combined and reported with those from other survey respondents and will be kept confidential. Your participation is voluntary, and you may decline to answer any question or end the survey at any time.

Chief Officers and Company Officers completing the survey may need to refer to their department's response data to respond to a few of the survey items (e.g., National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), records management system (RMS), CAD, or annual report).

The following questions ask about you and your fire department. They will help us understand your role and your responses as they relate to the size of your fire department.

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- . What is your position within the fire department? Please select only one
- O Chief Officer (e.g., Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, Division Chief, or Battalion Chief)
- Ocompany Officer (e.g., Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant)
- O Firefighter (e.g., Firefighter, Private, Master Firefighter)
- Other position not captured in the above categories

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