

Hello, I'm [name], and I'm calling on behalf of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, commonly known as NIOSH. To better understand current safety practices, prevent future line-of-duty injuries and deaths, and improve how they distribute information to the United State Fire Service, NIOSH is conducting a short survey of U.S. fire departments. . Your department was selected to participate in the survey, and we are calling all departments that we could not reach by email.

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Would it be possible for me to send a link to the survey to someone in your department? I can also provide you with the link right now.

- [If yes, can send to someone in department]
 - O Thank you! Could you provide me with the best email address to send the link to?
 - I will send an email with the link as soon as we get off the phone. NIOSH is trying to get information from chief officers, company officers and firefighters, and they can all use the link to complete the survey. They will only be asked to indicate their rank, but all of the information will be kept completely confidential.
 - O Do you have any other questions for me?
 - O Thanks so much for your time today. If you have any questions, you can reach us at [email] or [phone].
- [If yes, provide with link]
 - O Great the link for your fire department is [unique url for fire department]. NIOSH is trying to get information from chief officers, company officers and firefighters, and they can all use the link to complete the survey. They will only be asked to indicate their rank, and all of the information will be kept completely confidential.
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• [If declines]

O Thank you so much for your time. We will record that your fire department did not wish to participate in the survey. If you have any questions, you can reach us at [email] or [phone].