



Today's discussion is from the LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety Zones) Category.

National Firefighter Safety Stand Down

The National Firefighter Safety Stand Down is a nation-wide initiative sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). The intent of the program is to focus the attention of all firefighters on safety by way of a 'stand down' on the 21st of June. While realizing that full participation is at the discretion of each agency, the NWCG Safety and Health Working Team would like to support the IAFC and the nations structural fire departments in this effort. The focus of this year's stand down is emergency vehicle safety. We are asking Wildland Fire organizations to discuss the stand down and to use the following talking points and web links as a starting point for a discussion about vehicle safety in the wildland fire environment.

- Apparatus and Equipment Check
 - Check all fire apparatus (engines, helicopters, jump ships) and equipment stowed on fire apparatus.
 - Address MANDATORY seat belt use in engines and chase vehicles Discuss your agencies policy on headlight and emergency light use
- "Common Denominators of Serious Wildland Fire Related Vehicle Accidents" - check these denominators at the following website:
http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/hottopics/common_denominators.html
- "Roadside Response Protocols" - This is a good 6 Minutes for Safety lesson plan that will be a good review: http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_discussion.php?id=176
- "NWCG National Incident Operations Driving Standards" - The 2004 memo that sets NWCG driving standards: <http://www.nwcg.gov/teams/shwt/DrivingStandards2004.pdf>
- "Driving Safety" - The Six Minutes for Safety lesson plan on safe driving practices:
http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_discussion.php?id=172
- "An Emphasis on the ATV" - This is a comprehensive article on ATV driving and safety:
<http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/hottopics/atv.html>
- "ATV Safety" - Two 6 Minutes for Safety links on ATV Operations and Safety:
http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_discussion.php?id=166
http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_discussion.php?id=168

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