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**National Fallen Firefighters' Foundation's Memorial Weekend, October 1-3, 2010**

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National Fallen Firefighters' Foundation's Memorial Weekend is October 1-3, 2010. This is a great time of year to remember those team members who we've lost through the year. No one wants to deal with a LODD, but at some point you might have no choice. Below are some items from our AV Library which might be useful to you when thinking about managing and avoiding LODDS:



**Other online memorials and resources:**

[National Fallen Firefighters Memorial](#)

[NFFF: Taking Care of Our Own](#)

[Free Firefighter Training: Dealing with a Line-of-Duty Death](#)

[NIOSH Alert: Preventing Deaths and Injuries of Fire Fighters using Risk Management Principles at Structure Fires](#)

[NIOSH: Fatality Investigation Reports](#)

Proper management of a LODD is key to ensuring respectful remembrance of your team member. Having a plan makes a stressful time a bit less difficult for everyone involved. Use the below videos to learn how handle a LODD properly.

DIGNITY DESPITE DISASTER: MANAGING A LINE OF DUTY DEATH, PARTS 1-4  
AV06-1956 Length: 2:00:00 Format: DVD  
A line of duty death (LODD) is one of the toughest situations a responder must face. If there is no pre-plan in place, it will be even more difficult to manage. Dan McGuire, Senior Instructor for CISM Perspectives, will show how to provide an honorable remembrance for a fallen firefighter. In Part 1 he outlines the 'taboos' of a LODD and shows how to compose or update a written LODD pre-plan. In Part 2 he outlines the logistical issues to consider when developing your pre-plan and emphasizes the importance of confidentiality. In Part 3 he discusses one of the hardest parts of a line of duty death--delivering the death notification. He presents a re-enactment of the notification and goes over what to do and what not to do when delivering the news; and how to treat the incident with tradition, honor, and the respect it deserves. In Part 4 he discusses the logistical issues and needs for a line of duty death funeral. He will also discuss additional support needs of the family, department, and community. (2003)

HONORING THE FALLEN FIREFIGHTER  
AV07-2073 Length: 30:00 Format: DV  
Firefighter line of duty deaths create a devastating impact on the fire department and the family of the fallen firefighter. The way the death notice is delivered and the care and support the family and the co-workers receive are crucial to the healing process. Departmental policies and guidelines should be developed and training delivered prior to any crisis. This program identifies and addresses many of the administrative, operational, and logistical challenges faced during an LODD. It presents the importance of providing a proper death notification, as well as the emotional, physical, and spiritual support necessary for all involved. It also addresses the long-term needs of the surviving family and agency personnel. (2007)

Most importantly, we all must learn how to avoid LODDs, and the below items might help your team get trained to be as safe as possible.

MAKING THE RIGHT CALL - AVOIDING LODD  
AV06-1953 Length: 30:00 Format: DVD  
The ability to quickly and thoroughly evaluate the right course of action during the confusion of a fire is a critical skill that can mean the difference between life and death. Making the right call based on the available cues requires a thorough understanding of 'situational awareness'. Situational awareness is staying aware of the situation you are in--keeping your wits about you when surrounded by fire, noise, crashes, screams and more. The true mark of a seasoned professional is the ability to take these cues and not only predict but also evaluate multiple courses of action and their consequences. This FETN program will help firefighters boost their situational awareness skills to the level of the expert. (2006)

SELF ASSESSMENT  
AV10-2397 Length: 30:00 Format: DV  
The purpose of this course is to promote the concept of self-assessment to determine whether a fire department is taking all of the appropriate steps to prevent line-of-duty deaths. Inherent and environmental risk factors for firefighters, increasing work environment safety, and self-assessment are all discussed. (c2009)

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