TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Risk Management: Near Misses Can Help Identify Problems

Date:_____

Student:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

The firefighter near miss program has been highly effective since inception. It is based on the concept that a near miss experienced by one firefighter shared with all firefighters can improve the knowledge, skill and abilities of everyone who utilizes the reports. As with any accident analysis program, the key to success involves accurate, timely reporting; thorough analysis; trend identification and effective communication of issues that can improve the department's safety program. Involvement is the key!

DISCUSSION

- Have you had or witnessed a "Near Miss?"
- Did you report it internally or use the website?
- How was the information used?
- Does the safety committee get involved in analysis of incidents and accidents?
- How does our department use the Near Miss data from the website?
- Has the department used near misses as a learning tool or a punishment device?
- How can near misses and accident reporting be improved?
- Have you seen an improvement in the safety culture of the department?

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