

Is Your Department at its B.E.S.T.?

Keep your department ready to take the next call with the **National Volunteer Fire Council's** Volunteer Firefighter Health and Safety Priorities



BEHAVIOR

- Support the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of all personnel.
- Operate all emergency apparatus and privately owned vehicles (POV's) to conform to the highest road safety standards and enforce the use of seatbelts.
- Develop, practice, and enforce recommended health and safety standards for all personnel.
- Monitor and ensure that all active emergency scenes maintain the utmost level of safety and fireground accountability.

EQUIPMENT

- Provide and require the proper use of full personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Maintain all equipment based on established safety recommendations.

STANDARDS & CODES

- Encourage the use of all smoke, fire detection, and fire suppression devices, including fire sprinkler systems, in all structures.
- Vigorously enforce all fire safety codes and ordinances.
- Obtain apparatus and equipment that meet national safety standards.

TRAINING

- Utilize fire training programs that conform to the highest professional standards.
- Operate a safe fire training ground at all times.
- Establish, maintain, and deliver fire safety programs for all age groups.

