

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Each individual has the responsibility for changing the safety culture of the fire service and reducing line-of-duty injury, occupational health risk, and death. National fire service organizations provide training and resources concerning safety and how to effect safety culture change. However, without individual effort, these resources remain just tools in the toolbox. This listing provides an overview of some of the resources available to assist in changing the fire and emergency services culture.

Organizations

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

www.iafc.org

The IAFC is the national organization representing the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders.

International Code Council (ICC)

www.iccsafe.org

The ICC develops model codes and standards to keep people safe in the built environment. The family of codes includes the *International Building Code*, the *International Fire Code*, the *International Mechanical Code* (where fireplaces are regulated), and others.

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)

www.firehero.org

The NFFF honors America's fallen firefighters, provides resources for dealing with a line-of-duty death, and works within the fire service community to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries. The NFFF also worked with representatives of the major fire service constituencies to develop the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives to provide a pathway for changing the culture of the fire service with regard to safety (www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives).

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

www.nfpa.org

The NFPA has over 300 consensus-based codes and standards related to the fire service industry. All NFPA standards can be accessed online for free. The NFPA also provides outreach and educational materials on fire prevention and life safety topics.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters

NIOSH provides many resources and research pertaining to the health and safety of structural and wildland firefighters.

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)

www.nvfc.org

The NVFC represents the interests of the volunteer fire, emergency medical, and rescue services and provides resources, education, advocacy, and programs to support volunteer emergency responders and departments.

U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)

www.usfa.fema.gov

The USFA provides leadership, research, and resources to fire and emergency service stakeholders pertaining to prevention, preparedness, and response. The National Fire Academy (NFA) is also part of the USFA.

Vision 20/20

www.strategicfire.org

Established by the Institution of Fire Engineers USA Branch, Vision 20/20 guides a national strategic planning process for fire loss prevention.

Leadership

Executive Fire Officer Program

NFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/programs/efop.html

This training program provides senior fire officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire and emergency services administration. It includes four graduate and upper-division baccalaureate equivalent courses taken over four years.

Firefighter Safety Through Advanced Research (FSTAR)

IAFC

www.fstaresearch.org/about-fstar

The FSTAR program uses scientific research to develop tools to positively impact firefighter health, safety, fire prevention efforts, training, and community safety efforts.

Funding Alternatives for Emergency Medical and Fire Services

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa_331.pdf

Many fire and EMS departments do not receive adequate funding through traditional methods such as local government budgets and donations. This guide looks at alternate sources for funding department operations, equipment, and initiatives.

Life Safety Initiative #1 – Culture Change

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/1-cultural-change

Life Safety Initiative #1 is to define and advocate the need for a cultural change within the fire service relating to safety by incorporating leadership, management, supervision, accountability, and personal responsibility.

National Safety Culture Change Initiative

IAFC and USFA

www.ffsafetyculture.org

Led by the IAFC in partnership with USFA, the National Safety Culture Change Initiative advocates for the need for a health and safety culture change within the fire service. The initiative identifies individual behaviors and organizational factors that adversely impact firefighter safety and health and strategies to mitigate these effects. A report, training materials, videos, and other resources are available.

NFPA Standards

NFPA

www.nfpa.org

The NFPA develops consensus standards for the fire service. Included are many standards for leadership, such as *NFPA 1521: Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications* and *NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*.

Understanding and Implementing Standards

NVFC and NFPA

www.nvfc.org

The NVFC and NFPA developed a series of guides to help departments understand and implement NFPA standards. These include *NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting*; *NFPA 1407: Standard for Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews*; *NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*; *NFPA 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program*; and *NFPA 1720: Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments*.

Volunteer Firefighter Health and Safety Priorities

NVFC

www.nvfc.org/b-e-s-t-practices-for-health-and-safety

These priorities for volunteer firefighter health and safety are divided into four main focus areas of behavior, equipment, standards and codes, and training. The resulting B.E.S.T. practices should be followed by all departments to keep their personnel healthy and safe.

Vulnerability Assessment Program

NFFF and USFA

<https://www.firevap.org>

The NFFF and USFA, with support from Honeywell, developed this tool to help departments evaluate risk and reduce the threat of firefighter injuries and deaths.

Personal Accountability

Courage to be Safe®

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/training/courage-safe-training

This training program, which includes online, in-person, and train-the-trainer options, is designed to change the culture of the fire service so that loss of firefighters is no longer accepted as a normal occurrence. The focus is on changing fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line-of-duty deaths.

Everyone Goes Home Program®

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com

The Everyone Goes Home Program® provides free training, resources, and programs to prevent firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries.

E.V.E.N.T. Reporting System

Center for Leadership, Innovation, and Research in EMS

<http://event.clirems.org/>

The E.V.E.N.T. tool collects data involving EMS safety events in order to develop policies, procedures, and training programs that will improve the safe delivery of EMS.

Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program

NIOSH

www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire

Through this program, NIOSH conducts independent investigations of firefighter line-of-duty deaths and provides recommendations to prevent future deaths and injuries.

Fire Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters?

NFA

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10471>

This two-day NFA course is designed to assist emergency services personnel in defining and advocating organizational change relating to safety within the fire service.

Life Safety Initiative #2 – Accountability

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/2-accountability

Life Safety Initiative #2 is to enhance the personal and organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service.

Life Safety Initiative #4 – Empowerment

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/4-empowerment

Life Safety Initiative #4 states that all firefighters must be empowered to stop unsafe practices.

Life Safety Initiative #9 – Fatality, Near-Miss Investigation

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/9-fatality-near-miss-investigation/

Life Safety Initiative #9 is to thoroughly investigate all firefighter fatalities, injuries, and near misses.

Leadership, Attitude, Culture, and Knowledge (LACK)

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/training/leadership-accountability-culture-knowledge-lack-training/

This course examines the root causes of firefighter deaths; the role of leadership, attitude, culture, and knowledge that are contributing factors; and what can be done to address these factors and create change in the safety culture of the fire service.

National Firefighter Near Miss Reporting Program

IAFC

www.firefighternearmiss.com

Launched in 2005, this program collects and shares firefighter near-miss experiences so that all members of the fire service can use the lessons learned to improve their safety and prevent injury and death.

Safety Stand Down

IAFC and NVFC

www.SafetyStandDown.org

Cosponsored by the IAFC and NVFC, Safety Stand Down annually takes place the third week of June and encourages fire departments to suspend all nonemergency activities for the week and focus on training and education related to safety.

Community Risk Reduction

Community Risk Reduction

NFFF and Vision 20/20

www.everyonegoeshome.com/training/community-risk-reduction-crr

The NFFF and Vision 20/20 created this training to present a model community risk reduction management program, including the development of strategic goals, that any fire department can adapt to local situations.

Community Risk Reduction

Vision 20/20 and International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA)

<http://strategicfire.org/community-risk-reduction/ifstavisision-2020-training/>

This online training provides an overview of community risk reduction as a way to create a safer community, including the basic elements to prepare a plan and an understanding and motivation for implementing community risk reduction practices.

Community Risk Reduction Portal

Vision 20/20

<http://strategicfire.org/crr>

Vision 20/20 provides a series of tools and resources to help with community risk reduction programs, including the community risk reduction logo, a fire safety materials generator, a home safety visit guide and app, community risk reduction assessment and planning guides, videos, and more.

Educational Messages Desk Reference

NFPA

www.nfpa.org/public-education/resources/educational-messaging

This reference guide provides educators with consistent language to use with the public.

Fire Adapted Communities

Fire Adapted Communities Coalition

www.fireadapted.org

Fire Adapted Communities offers information and specific actions to reduce the risks of wildfire.

Fire Corps Guide to Fire and Life Safety Education

NVFC

www.firecorps.org

This guide provides information on utilizing nonoperational volunteers to provide fire and life safety education in the community. A course entitled Fire Corps in Public Education is also available in the NVFC Virtual Classroom (www.nvfc.org/classroom).

Fire Corps Home Safety Checklist

NVFC

www.firecorps.org

Fire Corps provides a home safety checklist as well as smoke alarm installation resources to help departments and Fire Corps teams implement a smoke alarm and home safety check program. A course entitled Conducting Home Safety Checks is also available in the NVFC Virtual Classroom (www.nvfc.org/classroom).

Fire Is Everyone's Fight

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/fief

This national initiative is designed to unite the fire service, life safety organizations, and other stakeholders in an effort to reduce home fire injuries, deaths, and property loss by changing how people think about fire and fire prevention.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention

The USFA provides outreach materials and campaigns that local departments can use in their efforts to educate the public on fire prevention and life safety issues.

Fire Prevention and Public Education Exchange

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/collections/exchange.html

USFA has collected and cataloged a series of model prevention programs that can provide examples of a variety of community risk reduction programs that have produced measurable results. Local community risk reduction planners can browse through real programs that have been implemented by fire departments.

Fire Safety Trailer Curriculum

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fire_safety_trailer_curriculum.pdf

The USFA developed this curriculum in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide age-appropriate methods to lead educational tours through a fire safety trailer.

Firewise Communities

NFPA

www.firewise.org

The Firewise Communities program encourages local solutions for safety by asking homeowners to take individual responsibility for preparing their homes before the next wildfire.

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition

www.homefiresprinkler.org

The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition is made up of a group of fire service and industry representatives to provide model educational and promotional materials for home fire sprinklers. The coalition provides a wide variety of resources, including instructions for developing side-by-side fire demonstration modules that show how effective fire sprinklers can be at controlling fires.

Learn Not to Burn® Curriculum

NFPA

www.nfpa.org/public-education/resources/education-programs/learn-not-to-burn

NFPA created the Learn Not to Burn® programs to reach preschool through second grade students using proven educational strategies.

Life Safety Initiative #14 – Public Education

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/14-public-education

Life Safety Initiative #14 states that public education must receive more resources and be championed as a critical fire and life safety program.

Life Safety Initiative #15 – Code Enforcement and Sprinklers

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/15-code-enforcement-sprinklers

Life Safety Initiative #15 states that advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.

Model Performance Measurement and Evaluation

Vision 20/20 and IFSTA

<http://strategicfire.org/community-risk-reduction/ifstavision-2020-training/>

This online learning program is available to help practitioners understand how to improve evaluation measures for community risk reduction programs.

NFPA Standards

NFPA

www.nfpa.org

The NFPA develops consensus standards for the fire service. Included are standards for community risk reduction programs, such as *NFPA 1452: Guide for Training Fire Service Personnel to Conduct Community Risk Reduction* and *NFPA 1300: Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development*.

Ready, Set, Go!

IAFC

www.wildlandfirersg.org

This program is designed to help residents in the wildland–urban interface better understand the threat of wildfire, be prepared, and act early when a fire starts.

Senior Falls and Fire Prevention – Remembering When™

NFPA

www.nfpa.org/public-education/resources/education-programs/remembering-when

This model program for seniors combines essential fire and fall prevention messaging. Aging populations are at higher risk for fires and falls, and the *Remembering When* program improves safety for older adult audiences when delivered as designed.

Understanding and Utilizing the International Fire Code

NVFC and ICC

www.nvfc.org

This guide is intended for use by volunteer fire chiefs, officers, and firefighters to create a basic understanding of how to use a model fire safety code to ensure an acceptable level of safety for the public and firefighters.

Wildland Fire Assessment Program

NVFC

www.nvfc.org/wfap

A joint effort with the U.S. Forest Service, this program provides fire service volunteers with the training and tools they need to effectively conduct safety assessments for homes located in the wildland–urban interface and provide residents with recommendations to protect their property from wildfire.

Health and Wellness

A Fire Department’s Guide to Implementing NFPA 1582

IAFC

www.iafc.org

This guide helps departments understand and implement *NFPA 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments*.

A Healthcare Provider’s Guide to Firefighter Physicals

IAFC

www.fstaresearch.org/resource/?FstarId=11591

This guide assists healthcare providers in evaluating, treating, and monitoring the unique health and wellness needs of firefighters. Firefighters should provide this checklist to their primary care providers at their physical exams.

Critical Health and Safety Issues in the Volunteer Fire Service

NVFC and USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/operations/ops_volunteer_fire_service.html

This report looks at the specific issues facing the volunteer fire service in terms of health and safety and identifies resources, tools, and best practices to help departments improve firefighter safety, well-being, and survival.

Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative

IAFC and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

www.iaff.org/hs/Well/index.htm

This initiative provides a holistic and educational approach to fire service health and wellness programs. Components include a candidate physical ability test, a fire service peer fitness trainer certification, and an online resource that allows departments to learn from other departments that have created successful health, wellness, and fitness programs.

Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance (FBHA)

www.ffbha.org

FBHA provides training to fire and EMS organizations focusing on behavioral health awareness and suicide prevention. Other resources include a firefighter/EMS suicide reporting system and a self-screening for suicidal ideations.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN)

www.firefightercancersupport.org

FCSN provides resources to help raise awareness of firefighter cancer, actions for preventing or limiting the risks for cancer, and support to fire service members and their families in the event of a cancer diagnosis.

Fire Corps Guide to Providing Rehab

NVFC

www.firecorps.org

This guide provides information about utilizing nonoperational volunteers to provide incident rehab. An online course is also available in the NVFC Virtual Classroom (www.nvfc.org/classroom).

Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program

NVFC

www.healthy-firefighter.org

Because heart attack is the leading cause of on-duty deaths for firefighters, this program provides information, tools, and resources to help fire and emergency service personnel get and stay heart healthy.

Health and Wellness Guide for the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services

NVFC and USFA

www.nvfc.org

This guide is designed to help department leaders overcome the barriers to health and wellness and develop and implement a successful department health and wellness program.

Life Safety Initiative #6 – Medical and Physical Fitness

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/6-medical-physical-fitness

Life Safety Initiative #6 is to develop and implement national medical and physical fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.

Life Safety Initiative #13 – Psychological Support

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/13-psychological-support

Life Safety Initiative #13 states that firefighters and their families must have access to counseling and psychological support.

Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Program

NFFF

www.firehero.org/resources/department-resources/programs/local-assistance-state-team

The LAST program provides trained personnel on the ground to assist departments and families in the immediate aftermath of a line-of-duty death.

NFPA Standards

NFPA

www.nfpa.org

The NFPA develops consensus standards for the fire service. Included are many standards for responder health and wellness, such as *NFPA 1500: Standard for Occupational Safety and Health Program*, *NFPA 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments*, *NFPA 1583: Standard on Health-Related Fitness Programs for Fire Department Members*, *NFPA 1584: Standard on the Rehabilitation Process for Members During Emergency Operations and Training Exercises*, and *NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Firefighting and Proximity Firefighting*.

Securing Sponsors for Department Health and Wellness Programs

NVFC

www.nvfc.org

This toolkit goes through the steps needed to identify, reach out to, and follow-up with potential sponsors and donors of a department health and wellness initiative.

Serve Strong

NVFC

www.nvfc.org/ServeStrong

Firefighters are tough, but so are the challenges they face. The NVFC wants all firefighters, emergency medical providers, and rescue personnel to serve strong for themselves, their crew, and all who depend on them. Resources and training are available on a variety of health and safety topics.

Share the Load™

NVFC

www.nvfc.org/help

Behavioral health is just as important as physical health. This program provides resources to help departments and responders proactively address behavioral health. The Fire/EMS Helpline, administered by American Addiction Centers, is a free, confidential resource available to all firefighters, EMS personnel, and their families struggling with behavioral health issues: 1-888-731-FIRE (3473).

The Effects of Sleep Deprivation on Fire Fighters and EMS Responders

IAFC

www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/resources/resource/sleep-deprivation

Supported by the USFA and with assistance from the faculty of the Oregon Health and Science University, this report and corresponding computer-based educational program presents background information on sleep physiology, health and performance consequences of sleep deprivation, and countermeasures for sleep deprivation.

The First Twenty

www.thefirsttwenty.org

This holistic program addresses the unmet performance, safety, and health needs of firefighters. It includes fitness, wellness, and educational components to overcome the unique physiological and psychological challenges that firefighters face.

Vault Exposure Tracker

www.vaultexposuretracker.com

Vault Exposure Tracker is a service that provides an easy, online platform for firefighters to keep track of their exposures. Options are available at both the individual level and the department level.

Emergency Response and Incident Scene Safety

Emergency Responder Safety Institute (ERSI)

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

www.respondersafety.com

ERSI provides educational materials and training to improve the safety of emergency responders while they are working on roadway incidents. This includes a learning network with online courses relating to traffic incident management and safe roadway incident operations.

Emergency Vehicle Safe Operations for Volunteer and Small Combination Emergency Service Organizations

NVFC

www.nvfc.org

This guide is designed to prevent first responder deaths and injuries caused by vehicle-related accidents; it includes best practices, example standard operating procedures/guidelines, and behavior motivation techniques.

Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/operations/ops_vehicle.html

This report provides the results of a study of public safety emergency vehicle and roadway operations as well as best practices and recommendations for safer emergency vehicle and roadway incident response.

Fire Service Operational Safety

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/operations/ops_safety.html

The USFA provides research, guides, and other resources to help create safer operational environments for firefighters.

Hazardous Materials Fusion Center

IAFC

www.hazmatfc.org/alert

Supported by the Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training (ALERT) grant, this web site provides hazmat training and resources for volunteer or remote emergency responders. Specific focus areas include emergency response activities involving the transportation of crude oil, ethanol, and other flammable liquids by rail.

Improving Apparatus Response and Roadway Operations Safety in the Career Fire Service

IAFF

www.iaff.org/hs/EVSP/home.html

This training program and corresponding instructor guide and resources, created through a cooperative agreement with USFA, provides basic strategies to safeguard emergency responders' health and safety while they are responding to and returning from incidents and operating on roadways.

International First Responder Seat Belt Pledge

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/seatbelts

Initially developed by Dr. Burt Clark of the National Fire Academy, the International First Responder Seat Belt Pledge challenges firefighters and emergency personnel to improve their safety by wearing seat belts.

Let's Make a Difference: Best Practices to Minimize Injuries and Deaths while Using POV for ESO Responses

IAFC and NVFC

www.nvfc.org

This guide provides model policies and recommended procedures that fire departments can adopt to minimize injuries and deaths while responders are using their own vehicles during emergencies.

Life Safety Initiative #3 – Risk Management

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/3-risk-management

Life Safety Initiative #3 is to focus greater attention on the integration of risk management with incident management at all levels, including strategic, tactical, and planning responsibilities.

Life Safety Initiative #5 – Training and Certification

NFFF

www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/5-training-certification

Life Safety Initiative #5 is to develop and implement national standards for training, qualifications, and certification (including regular recertification) that are equally applicable to all firefighters based on the duties they are expected to perform.

Life Safety Initiative #11 – Response Policies

NFFF

<https://www.everyonegoeshome.com/16-initiatives/11-response-policies/>

Life Safety Initiative #11 states that national standards for emergency response policies and procedures should be developed and championed.

NFPA Standards

NFPA

www.nfpa.org

The NFPA develops consensus standards for the fire service. Included are many standards for emergency response and incident scene safety, such as *NFPA 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents*, *NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, *NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications*, *NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, *NFPA 1051: Standard for Wildland Firefighting Personnel Professional Qualifications*, *NFPA 1072: Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications*, *NFPA 1091: Standard for Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications*, and *NFPA 1500: Standard for Occupational Safety and Health Program*.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

www.nist.gov/topics/resilience

NIST conducts research in a multitude of areas, including resilience research that focuses on the impact of multiple hazards on buildings and communities and on post-disaster studies that can provide the technical basis for improved standards, codes, and practices. Fire topics include fire dynamics and science, firefighting, fire risk reduction, structural fire resistance, wildland–urban interface fire, and others.

National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training

Federal Highway Administration

www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov

As a part of the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2), this online training enhances quick clearance efforts and improves the safety of responders and motorists. An in-person version of the training is also available, as is a course through the National Fire Academy. Learn more about SHRP2 and access additional program resources at www.fhwa.dot.gov/goshrp2.

United Laboratories (UL)

<http://industries.ul.com/fire-suppression>

UL conducts fire safety testing for manufacturers, regulatory agencies, the fire safety community, and other stakeholders.

Recruitment and Retention

Fire Corps™

NVFC

www.firecorps.org

Fire Corps connects community volunteers with their local fire department to perform nonoperational functions, such as administration, fire prevention education, community risk reduction, fundraising, vehicle and equipment maintenance, rehab and canteen services, and any other nonemergency task the department needs.

Make Me A Firefighter™ Campaign

NVFC

<http://portal.nvfc.org>

Departments can register for this free campaign to post their volunteer opportunities in a national, searchable database and access a variety of ready-to-use volunteer recruitment tools, including customizable recruitment materials, social media tools, an event planner, a recruit tracker, training, and more. Potential volunteers can visit www.MakeMeAFirefighter.org to find a local volunteer opportunity in the database.

National Junior Firefighter Program

NVFC

www.nvfc.org/juniors

Departments looking to attract the next generation of firefighters can use this program to start, expand, or manage a local junior firefighter program. Youth can use the program to find a local program, track their hours of service, and access additional resources.

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants

Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants

The federal SAFER grant is designed to increase the number of trained, frontline firefighters available in communities. Grant funds can be used to hire personnel and recruit and retain volunteer personnel.

What to Expect: A Guide for Family Members of Volunteer Firefighters

NVFC

www.nvfc.org

Joining the volunteer fire service impacts not only the individual, but also their entire family. This guide helps spouses, children, parents, siblings, and significant others of firefighters navigate the lifestyle changes that come with having a volunteer in the family. It provides information and guidance to help all involved keep family relationships strong and adapt to the fire service lifestyle.

Training

The Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Initiative

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/training/prodev/about_feshe.html

The FESHE curriculum is offered at colleges and universities across the United States. Of particular relevance to this guide is the FESHE course *Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Safety and Survival*, which introduces the basic principles of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives and the need for changing the culture of the fire service to focus on safety.

IAFC Academy

IAFC

www.iafcacademy.org

The IAFC Academy provides online courses on a variety of topics, including the National Safety Culture Change Initiative.

National Fire Academy (NFA)

USFA

www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa

The NFA provides free training to members of the fire and emergency services online; on campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and throughout the nation. Courses cover a wide range of topics, including those covered in this guide.

NFPA Standards

NFPA

www.nfpa.org

The NFPA develops consensus standards for the fire service. Included are many standards for developing training programs, such as *NFPA 1403: Standard on Live Fire Training* and *NFPA 1451: Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program*.

NVFC Virtual Classroom

NVFC

www.nvfc.org/classroom

The NVFC Virtual Classroom provides dozens of courses on a variety of topics, including health and wellness, safety, recruitment, retention, leadership, preparedness and prevention, and more.