



Stand-Down for Safety - June 7th, 2013

The Texas Fire Chief's Association, the State Firemen's & Fire Marshal's Association, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, and the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office are asking the Texas Fire Service to *Stand-Down for Safety*. To date this calendar year, the TX State Fire Marshal's Office **reports 18 firefighter LODD's in Texas.**

Partnering organizations ask all fire departments: career, combination, volunteer; and all training institutions and organizations that work with, by or for the fire service and are actively engaged in activity that may pose a heightened risk for injury or death, cease all routine activity on Friday, June 7, 2013, and each shift thereafter to include all firefighters, so that all may actively review:

- Operational policy and procedure as it relates to engagement in firefighting activity.
 - *Review risk vs. benefit
 - *Review victim survivability profile
 - *Review incident management system used by your department
 - *Review safety officer, mayday and rapid intervention system used by your department
 - *Review communications procedures used by your department
 - [Rules of Engagement](#)
- Operational policy and procedure as it relates to personal protective equipment and SCBA.
 - *Demonstrate proficiency in donning PPE
 - *Demonstrate proficiency in donning SCBA
 - *Demonstrate knowledge in skill; reduced profile, controlled breathing
- Operational policy as it relates to pre-incident planning of target hazards.
 - *Review preplans of target hazards in your district
- Operational policy as it relates to emergency vehicle driving.
- Operational policy as it relates to firefighter rehab and physical fitness.
- Review the 16 Firefighter LifeSafety Initiatives.
- [Everyone Goes Home LifeSafety Initiatives](#)

Partnering organizations are drawing attention to the high number of Texas Line-of-Duty Deaths this year. Take the time to suspend all routine activity on June 7, 2013, and consecutive days thereafter to ensure all firefighters are given opportunity to review for high risk activities.

Please report any Stand-Down activity to the Texas Fire Chief's Association, the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association, or the injury prevention blog of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection so that the data may be shared across Texas and the nation.