



Safety, Health and Survival Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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The mission of the Safety, Health and Survival Section of the IAFC is to support and provide leadership for the advancement of occupational safety and health within the fire service and in the greater emergency response community.

IAFC SHS Section Strategic Plan and Action Steps: 2010-2012

1. *Strengthen our alliances with organizations having similar goals.*
 - a. Operate with other organizations transparently by sharing information, resources and participating in projects that relate to the safety, health and survival of firefighters.
 - b. Monitor and support the effort to establish a national standard for line of duty deaths (LODDs) and line of duty injuries (LODIs).
2. *Develop and implement a section marketing strategy to better inform section members, IAFC members and the broader emergency service community about the goals, objectives and activities of the section.*
 - a. Maintain recently opened lines of communications with all IAFC sections regarding issues related to safety, health and survival.
 - b. Establish a working group to identify the Safety Week themes for 2010-2012.
 - c. Participate in the program planning council for safety, health and survival related sessions at FRI.
 - d. Continue our alliance with the IAFC communications committee, working to identify and resolve issues related to radio transmissions and systems.
 - e. Identify a coordinator for attendance and displays regarding the SHS Section at all IAFC conferences.
 - f. Establish a working group for identifying alternate funding sources for the section, working with IAFC staff.
3. *Develop specific goals and objectives related to firefighter health and wellness.*
 - a. Convene a working group to identify partnerships and funding sources to provide an annual NFPA compliant medical exam for every firefighter in North America.
 - b. Develop and publish a fire chief's guide to health and wellness which includes a cost-benefit analysis of such a program to use to obtain funding from elected officials.
 - c. Work toward the establishment of a website dedicated to studies conducted on firefighter health topics.
 - d. Identify the latest treatment and prevention programs specific to firefighter cancer types and ensure the fire service has this information readily available.

- e. Work with partner organizations to implement a smoking cessation program for the fire service.
 - f. Work with partner organizations to develop a weight reduction program for the fire service.
4. *Implement recommendations contained in the NIOSH/FF LODD report developed by the section.*
- a. Ensure the current document and working group remains focused and works toward the implementation goals contained within the document.
 - b. Identify the means of funding the recommendations.
 - c. Establish a working group with FAMA & FEMSA to further define the issue of equipment related problems and failures.
5. *Monitor and make recommendations related to changes in local, state and federal regulations regarding health, safety and survival.*
- a. Complete and publish the updated Rules of Engagement.
 - b. Establish a working group to research and make a recommendation for a national standard for building marking related to lightweight truss construction.
 - c. Monitor the progress of the NFPA 1917, Standard for Automotive Ambulance committee.
 - d. Monitor the progress of all NFPA 1500 series committees.