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Oregon Fire Service Leaders:

Every year, approximately 100 firefighters lose their lives in the line of duty in the United States, about one every 80 hours. Of this number, approximately 20% of the firefighter deaths occur in motor vehicle crashes. The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is pleased to participate in a national effort to reduce and eliminate firefighter injuries and deaths which is being led by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF).

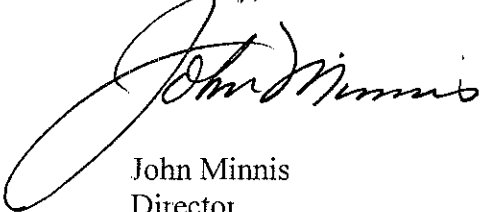
The NFFF hosted the first-ever National Fire Fighter Life Safety Summit in Tampa, Florida in 2004. More than 200 fire service leaders representing a number of national fire service organizations attended. The Summit marked a significant milestone as it is the first time that a major gathering has been organized to unite all segments of the fire service behind the common goal of reducing firefighter deaths. It provided an opportunity for all of the participants to focus on the problems, jointly identify the most important issues, agree upon a set of key initiatives, and develop the commitments and coalitions that are essential to move forward with their implementation.

The NFFF has established the objectives of reducing the firefighter fatality rate by 25% within 5 years and by 50% within 10 years. The use of seat belts in fire apparatus will help the fire service reduce injuries and deaths. DPSST is making the enclosed decals available to each Oregon fire department/district free of charge so they can be placed in each emergency vehicle as a visible reminder. To request decals for your agency please contact Thelma Denney in our Fire Training Section by phone at (503) 378-2408 or by e-mail at Thelma.denney@state.or.us.

DPSST is also providing links to a variety of firefighter safety resources that are available on the web. To access this information, please visit the Fire Training section of our web page at www.oregon.gov/DPSST

Thank you for your time and commitment to reducing firefighter injuries and deaths.

Sincerely,



John Minnis
Director

Fire Service Training and Safety Resources via the Web

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training – Fire Training
<http://www.oregon.gov/DPSSI/index.shtml>

Oregon Fire Instructors Association
<http://www.ofia.net>

Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
<http://www.ofca.org>

Oregon OSHA – Firefighter Page
http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/subjects/fire_fighters.html

National Fire Academy
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/index.shtml>

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
<http://www.firehero.org>

Everyone Goes Home – National Initiative for Safety & Health
<http://www.everyonegoeshome.org>

Fire Service Near Miss Reporting System
<http://www.firefighternearmiss.com>

International Association of Firefighters – Safety & Health Section
<http://www.iaff.org/hs/index.htm>

International Association of Fire Chiefs
<http://www.iafc.org>

International Association of Fire Chiefs – Safety & Health Section
<http://www.iafcsafety.org>

Firefighter Close Calls
<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com>

Drive to Survive – Fire Service
<http://www.drivetosurvive.org>

Responder Safety
<http://www.respondersafety.com>