

THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE/EMS SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK JUNE 16-22, 2013

Safety is such a paramount importance to all of us in the fire service every day. I encourage you to make time next week to support the International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week. Please see link:

<http://safetyandhealthweek.org/about/>

The International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week is a joint initiative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council. The event is coordinated by the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section and the NVFC Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program, and is supported by national and international fire and emergency service organizations as well as health and safety-related organizations and agencies.

The 2013 event will take place from June 16-22, 2013. Fire departments are encouraged to suspend all non-emergency activity during Safety and Health Week in order to focus on safety and health training and education. An entire week is provided to ensure all shifts and duty crew can participate.

International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week is the unification of the IAFC's Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week with the NVFC's National Firefighter Health Week. The goal of both organizations is to reduce the number of preventable injury and death in the fire and emergency services. Safety and Health Week focuses on the critical importance of responders taking care of themselves both on and off the emergency incident scene. The week is designed to increase awareness and action so that safety and health become a priority in all fire departments.



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