

## **2007 Safety Stand Down Resources Now Available**

Fairfax, Va., May 16, 2007... With the 2007 International Fire and EMS Safety Stand Down quickly approaching, the IAFC, IAFF and VCOS announce that a wide variety of supporting resources are now available for participant use and may be found online at:

<http://www.iafc.org/standdown>

“We all believe that the safety of our firefighters and EMTs is critical. Please take time during the Stand Down week to reinforce to your members the importance of being safe in everything that you do. Appoint a department member to organize your department’s Safety Stand Down. Have them go online and use the materials that are now available,” said IAFC President Chief Jim Harmes.

The resources include a detailed schedule of events, lessons learned, safety reports, links to firefighter health and wellness programs and a chief’s guide to planning and outreach. These resources are available to assist you, so by all means, take full advantage of them.

Each department is encouraged to review these resources and use them to aid in the preparation and execution of Stand Down activities. This is an excellent opportunity to take time out within your department and decide what you would like to focus on for the Stand Down. Let this be a conversation starter — discuss possible schedules and activities with all department members; allow them to voice their opinions, questions and concerns, as well as to offer any ideas and suggestions that they may have.

We hope that these resources will help your department prepare and conduct a successful stand down. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the IAFC.

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