

NATIONAL TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT COALITION NATIONAL UNIFIED GOAL RESPONDER SAFETY BROCHURE

As dangerous as firefighting is, transportation-related incidents claim about 20 percent of the roughly 105 firefighter on-duty deaths each year, and struck-by deaths account for a growing proportion. In June 2001, NIOSH reported that the number of firefighters struck and killed by motor vehicles had increased by 89 percent in the previous five years. Seventeen firefighters had been struck and killed between 1995 and 1999, compared to 9 between 1990 and 1994. The report, *Traffic Hazards to Fire Fighters While Working Along Roadways*, states:

“. . . Motorists accustomed to a clear, unobstructed roadway may not recognize and avoid closed lanes or emergency workers on or near the roadway. In some cases, conditions can reduce a motorist's ability to see and avoid firefighters and apparatus. Some examples include weather, time of day, scene lighting (i.e., area lighting and optical warning devices, traffic speed and volume), and road configuration (i.e., hills, curves and other obstructions that limit visibility). These hazards are not limited to the fire service alone. Other emergency service providers such as law enforcement officers, paramedics, and vehicle recovery personnel are also exposed to these hazards.”

To read and print the rest of this brochure, please go to: <http://www.transportation.org/sites/ntimc/docs/ResponderSafety3xFinal.pdf>

There are additional links to more Internet sources for information and reports at this same location.

National Traffic Incident Management Committee (NTIMC) Traffic Incident Fact Sheet
<http://www.transportation.org/sites/ntimc/docs/TRAFFIC%20INCIDENT%20FACTS.doc>

Traffic Hazards to Fire Fighters While Working Along Roadways from CDCP
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hid12.html>



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