The 2012 International Fire/EMS Safety & Health Week is scheduled for June 17-23. As in the past, the immediate goal of this initiative is to encourage fire departments to stand down from, or suspend, non-emergency activities and dedicate this week to health, safety and survival training and education in order to support the overall goal of reducing firefighter injuries and deaths. State Fire Administrator Bryant Stevens encourages all New York State fire departments to participate in this initiative.

The Fire/EMS Safety & Health Week 2012 is a joint initiative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) which is supported and sponsored by numerous fire service and safety agencies and organizations. This year’s theme is “Rules You Can Live By” and focuses on rules of engagement for firefighter health, safety and survival.

Information and access to resources to assist and support fire departments participating in this effort is available here: [http://safetyandhealthweek.org/](http://safetyandhealthweek.org/)