



Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS

SAFETY BULLETIN

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Annual Safety Stand Down

The Annual Safety Stand Down takes place this coming week, June 19-25, 2022. Safety Stand Down is a joint Initiative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Safety, Health and Survival Section, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Fire Department Safety Officer Association (FDSOA). This year's campaign is "Situational Awareness: The Foundation of Good Decision-Making." The Safety Stand Down highlight's critical safety, health, and survival issues for fire and emergency services personnel. Departments are asked to suspend all non-emergency activities during the week to focus their attention on safety and health education efforts. The 2022 theme focuses on the importance of situational awareness during response operations to help firefighters solve problems, prevent bad outcomes, and make better decisions in high stress environments. Five daily focus areas will highlight situational awareness during different incident types: structure fires, emergency medical services, wildland incidents, roadway response and acts of violence.

Please use this time to review Safety Stand Down materials and increase your knowledge of techniques to improve your situational awareness on varying types of emergency incidents.

Personnel can access this year's Safety Stand Down Information and resources via the following links or QR code:

<https://www.safetystanddown.org>



For additional resource topics on situational awareness, please use the following sites:

<https://www.domesticpreparedness.com/healthcare/the-art-of-awareness-for-emergency-medical-calls/>

<https://www.ems1.com/ems-products/vehicle-equipment/articles/3-ways-to-enhance-ems-situational-awareness-uWLxHJwa13qRRMCI/>