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Subject: 063-B - Stakeholder Comment on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP)-2011

Dear NIOSH:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the future direction of the NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program. When the stakeholder comment period was first announced, the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Health & Safety Committee asked to convene a conference call with NIOSH for an update regarding existing investigation practices, how recommendations are developed and distributed. The call was an informative and collaborative meeting which resulted in the following:

- NIOSH will continue to serve on the NVFC Heart-Healthy Firefighter Work Group to provide information and guidance regarding firefighter health and safety issues.
- NIOSH will partner with the NVFC to develop an article for the organization's newsletter explaining the investigation process. Additional articles and alerts will be distributed to the NVFC membership as they arise.
- The NVFC will serve as a liaison, if needed, for NIOSH in reaching volunteer fire departments under investigation.
- NIOSH will notify the NVFC when it identifies a volunteer department to investigate. The NVFC will notify its board members in that particular state.
- The NVFC will supply subject matter experts as part of the fatality report review and recommendations development.

Most if not all of these initiatives are well underway. We appreciate the partnership and look forward to working with NIOSH to identify risks and prevent firefighter fatalities and injuries.

Best,
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The NVFC and its programs will be conducting events and exhibiting at trade shows across the country this spring and summer. Find an event and location near you at www.nvfc.org/calendar.

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