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Comments

Recommended corrective actions that could have prevented the death need to be presented differently.
1 - They should be broken into Primary and Secondary. Primary are those that could have directly prevented THIS death(s).
2 - Primary recommended corrective actions should be limited to two or three.

Discussion. I have used fire reports for decades for my own education and for training, policies, purchases, and preparation activities. I think they are extremely valuable. However, I have found long lists of corrective actions of limited value. Absolutely critical factors must be identified and focused on. Often there is not enough specific information to know what were the critical factors in that specific case or one has to do significant reading between the lines. General recommendations lose their impact and get lost in long lists. Focused recommendations really tell us how lives can be saved because they give us very specific information to work with.