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Comments

Everyday I pick up trade magazines that show firefighters that are not equipped, or dressed appropriately and not meeting the current safety standards. If our department does something wrong and it is seen on the news, labor and industry pays us a visit. However, trade magazines continue to show ill dressed firefighters, working in an unsafe manner or just not wearing their breathing apparatus. Yet, we continue to advertise the bad habits to crews across the country through these magazines. EMS is no different. Why aren't we enforcing the rules to those trade organizations that promote bad behavior? These photos have a marked effect on our crews. Particularly the new employees when we are trying to teach them safe methods. Ultimately, firefighters that are not wearing the appropriate gear leads to firefighter fatalities. When we see the wrong message in trade magazines, it sends the wrong message to our crews.