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**Comments**

I have worked in suicide and violence prevention for a long time and think it would behoove FFIPP to include intentional death by homicide or suicide to your prevention plan, particularly given the stress and trauma that may ensue for fire fighters, within or outside of the workplace. We know that suicide rates are high among white middle aged men and among people who have suffered trauma or mental health problems such as depression, or alcohol/drug use.

I believe that NIOSH only collects data on deaths within the workplace but if possible, documenting suicide or homicide would not only help with improved safety among firefighters (know the problem and then make suicide and violence prevention a part of your programming), but it would help inform (if made public) suicide and violence prevention efforts at the federal, state, and local level potentially. Currently there is no data on these deaths to my knowledge. It is definitely needed.

Thank you for the chance to comment.