

# FIRE FIGHTER FATALITY INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

The NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP) conducts free, independent investigations of firefighter line-of-duty deaths and serious injuries. The program informs prevention actions to help avoid similar events.



## OBJECTIVES

- Describe characteristics of line-of-duty deaths or serious injuries
- Identify key contributing factors
- Develop and share actions to prevent similar deaths and injuries
- Provide educational materials

## INCIDENT TYPES

FFFIPP investigates deaths and serious injuries that occur on duty. The program determines if the incident classifies as trauma or medical. We do not investigate cancer deaths.



**SCAN CODE for more on the program, investigation process, and reports.**

[www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/fffipp/about.html](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/fffipp/about.html)



Each year about

# 70-80

firefighters die in the line of duty

**Since 1998 FFFIPP has investigated:**

- About 40% of all firefighter deaths
- 700+ firefighter line-of-duty deaths

**Reports include:**

- A summary of the fire event
- Factors that likely contributed to the death or serious injury
- Actions to help prevent similar events

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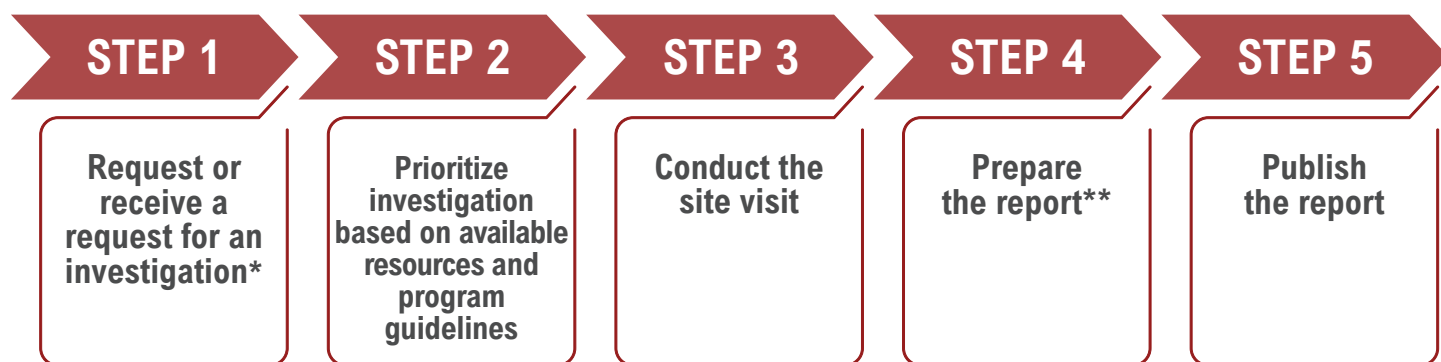
## INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations identify contributing factors and prevention actions for the fire service. The program may also visually inspect and evaluate self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to determine if they may have contributed to the fatality or serious injury. Findings are available in the final reports that are posted to our website.

## INVESTIGATORS

Investigators are safety professionals and medical officers with training and experience in fireground and non-fireground hazards. Many of our investigators have experience working in the fire service in firefighter and fire officer roles.

## INVESTIGATION STEPS



\*Requesters may include fire service representative organizations (e.g., The International Association of Fire Fighters), State Fire Marshals' Offices, or NIOSH. The NIOSH FFFIPP trauma team often receives investigation requests, and the medical team requests them.

\*\*Report review includes the involved fire department and may include the firefighter's family and union.

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