

University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

Course Syllabus

Course Title: Courage to Be Safe

Course Duration: 4 hours

Program: Firefighting

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Description: This course is a provocative and moving presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through the Everyone Goes Home® Program, that is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence.

Building on the untold story of line of duty death survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death. This presentation provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that “Everyone Goes Home” at the end of the day.

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

The program promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect firefighters from illness, injury or Line of Duty Death So that Everyone Goes Home®. The presentation examines Line of Duty Deaths both at the state and national level.

In addition, it conveys the untold story of LODD survivors in an attempt to expose the participants to a significant emotional event to promote change and provide them the insight and tools to embark upon change.

Course Requirements and/or Recommendations:

Pre-Course Work – None

Course Work – Attend and participate in all lectures

Post-Course Work – None

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Course Policies:

Safety Policy: Students shall understand and follow all instructions pertaining to operational safety, as stated by instructors or as written in course materials. Instructors and students shall be mindful of safety at all times. Conduct judged to be unsafe shall be grounds for dismissal from the course.

Academic Integrity Policy: IFSI has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity to protect the quality of the education provided through its courses, and to protect those who depend upon our integrity. It is the responsibility of the student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Any violation of the code of conduct is grounds for immediate dismissal from the course.

American Disabilities Act: As guaranteed in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and in the American Disabilities Act, if any student needs special accommodations, they are to notify their instructor and provide documentation as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to provide for the student's needs. If arrangements cannot be made at the class site, the student will test at an alternative time and place where the special accommodations can be made.

Course Content:

Module: 1

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Terminal Learning Objective:

1. At the conclusion of this module, the student will develop an individual action plan towards prevention of firefighter line-of-duty injury and death.

Reference List:

- Firefighterclosecalls.com
- Indiana University - Fit to Fight
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Health & Safety Committee
- Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (MFRI)
- National Fire Protection Association Standards (NFPA)
- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) reports
- National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) fatality and other reports
- NFFF Mini – Summit Report – Fire Prevention
- NFFF Mini – Summit Report – Health – Wellness – Fitness
- NFFF Mini – Summit Report – Structural Fires
- NFFF Mini – Summit Report – Training

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- NFFF Mini – Summit Report – Vehicle Safety
- NFFF Mini – Summit Report – Wildfire
- NFFF Summit Report 2004 – Tampa, Florida
- NFFF Summit Report 2007 – Novato, CA
- NFFF Summit Report 2014 – Tampa, Florida
- OSHA
- United States Fire Administration (USFA) Fatality Reports
- www.everyonegoeshome.com
- www.firefighternearmiss.com
- www.firehero.org
- www.iafc.org
- www.iaff.org
- www.nfpa.org
- www.nvfc.org
- www.respondersafety.com
- www.vfis.com

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Course Schedule

DAY ONE

<u>Event</u>		<u>Duration</u>
Introductions/Overview	Slides 1-34	90 minutes
Initiative 1	Slides 35-40	13 minutes
Initiative 2	Slides 41-43	7 minutes
Initiative 3	Slides 44-46	7 minutes
Initiative 4	Slides 47-49	9 minutes
Initiative 5	Slides 50-52	9 minutes
Initiative 6	Slides 53-58	21 minutes
Initiative 7	Slides 59-61	8 minutes
Initiative 8	Slides 62-64	8 minutes
Initiative 9	Slides 65-69	7 minutes
Initiative 10	Slides 70-72	8 minutes
Initiative 11	Slides 73-79	6 minutes
Initiative 12	Slides 80-82	5 minutes
Initiative 13	Slides 83-86	6 minutes
Initiative 14	Slides 87-89	7 minutes
Initiative 15	Slides 90-94	7 minutes
Initiative 16	Slides 95-97	7 minutes
Summary/Closing	Slides 98-104	15 minutes
	Total Time:	240 minutes