

7. Why Do We Keep Risking Our Lives When There's Nothing To Be Saved?

Why do we keep risking our lives when there is nothing to be saved? This program will discuss risk and the associated behaviors of firefighters. We have seen the stories. We have viewed the photographs of firefighters. We will examine the 5 major reasons firefighters are injured or killed. We want and need aggressive firefighters, but we need firefighters who engage their brain before engaging their feet. We will look at several line of duty death events to see what can be learned from their experiences. Staffing, driving, strategy and tactics, safety, and other topics will be discussed. The lack of experience and the need for wisdom will be discussed.

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