

FIREFIGHTER FATALITY INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

The FFFIPP conducts independent investigations of select career and volunteer firefighter line-of-duty deaths to formulate recommendations for preventing future deaths and injuries.

Background

The FFFIPP plays an indispensable role in identifying the causes of firefighter line-of-duty deaths and developing recommendations to prevent future tragedies.

Through comprehensive investigations and in-depth analysis, FFFIPP provides invaluable insights that help fire departments nationwide improve training, operational procedures, and safety protocols. These efforts have directly contributed to reducing firefighter fatalities and injuries, making our fire service community safer and more resilient.

We must ensure that firefighters can operate as safely as possible in their jobs, and the FFFIPP is an important partner in improving firefighter health and safety.

Ask

▶ We request that the FFFIPP receive \$2 million for FY2027 and that the program be maintained with appropriate staff to carry out its life-saving mission.

Talking Points

▶ Supports Firefighter Health and Safety

The program identifies root causes of firefighter fatalities and disseminates recommendations, helping prevent similar tragedies in the future. Investigative findings directly inform updates to training, tactics, and protocols, enhancing operational safety and effectiveness.

▶ Ensures Consistency and Quality

FFFIPP utilizes highly trained investigators, medical examiners, and occupational health scientists—resources and expertise most states and localities cannot afford or sustain independently—to conduct investigations and develop recommendations that support fire departments all across the nation.

▶ A Vital Part of National Resilience

Protecting firefighter lives helps ensure continuity of emergency services. Further, best practice recommendations help improve fire service operations, improving the protection of communities across the country. This is critical for efficient and effective public safety and disaster response.

