



## TAILBOARD TRAINING

VFIS “Tailboard Training” is a bi-weekly loss prevention program for clients. The program is intended to provide information on current safety issues facing emergency responders in a format that will quickly and effectively communicate a safe practice to implement and relate directly to your organization. These are released every other Thursday by VFIS.

# FIREFIGHTER INJURIES CAN BE PREVENTED

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Each year, approximately 80,000 firefighters are injured. Some are minor, while others are disabling. In either case, many can be prevented or have less impact on an individual or organization. VFIS “Tailboard Training” is designed to help you prevent or minimize incidents that may affect your organization. Each “Training Topic” will have five (5) sections:

1. Description of a type of injury, accident, or incident that has actually occurred.
2. Commentary on how to prevent the incident.
3. A review of any related departmental Standard Operating Guidelines that may apply
4. An open dialogue on the topic
5. References using VFIS Risk Control or Education, Training and Consulting Resources to assist you in your related loss control efforts.

In your introductory session, we ask you to discuss Firefighter Safety in general. A reference to the VFIS article “Back to Safety Basics” is provided for you to access via the VFIS website. Please reinforce the fundamental concept defined in this article:

***Safety (being safe) is a concept every person in the ESO must understand and accept as a key principle of cooperation, or your efforts to reduce accidents, injury, property damage and death will not be successful. Safety starts with the acceptance of personal responsibility to be safe!***

The objective is to complete the training in 15 minutes or less with participants leaving the session with a better understanding of how to keep from getting hurt.

- 1. Description of a type of injury, accident, or incident that has actually occurred.**
- 2. Commentary on how to prevent the incident.**
- 3. A review of any related departmental standard operating guidelines that may apply.**
- 4. Have a short open dialogue on the subject with your personnel.**

**VFIS and other references:**

**VFIS Resources – [www.vfis.com](http://www.vfis.com)**

**Back to Safety Basics – [http://www.vfis.com/pdf/VFISnews08-3\\_web.pdf](http://www.vfis.com/pdf/VFISnews08-3_web.pdf)**

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