



## 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 Friday by VFIS.

# SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR FIRE & EMS PERSONNEL

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Safety (being safe) is a concept every person in the emergency service organization must understand and accept as a key principle of operation or your efforts to reduce accidents, injury, property damage and death will not be successful!

While there have been other initiatives that have impacted industrial safety over the last 100 years, Chief Bill Jenaway, Executive Vice President of VFIS Education, Training & Consulting, believes three major issues have contributed to the impact of safety in the workplace. “To me, the human factor of being safe and the adversity of financial loss, injury, illness, death and property damage; the introduction of worker’s compensation insurance protection; and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 are the main motivators to maintain a safe workplace and general environment.”

Specific approaches to safety adopted by individual industry segments NFPA standards, NIOSH reporting, insurance company loss control requirements, and changes due to litigation. These are secondary impacts upon the original idea of safety.

In the last Tailboard Training participants were asked to search for hazards around the station and identify possible methods to correct the hazard. In this segment, discuss actual incidents that have occurred to your members, how they happened and how they were corrected.

Use Incident Reports/Investigation Reports of prior incidents as the basis for your discussion points.

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. **Have you had any such incidents in your department or in nearby departments? If so, describe a type of injury, accident, or incident that has actually occurred.**
2. **Commentary on how to prevent the incident.**
3. **Review of any related departmental standard operating guidelines that may apply.**
4. **Have a short open dialogue on the subject with your personnel.**

**VFIS references:**

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