

Why is **Community Risk Reduction** important?

- Our communities demand an integrated approach that balances emergency response capabilities with proactive measures that work together to reduce risks.
- CRR empowers station leaders to tailor their proactive strategies to meet local risks and improve efficiency.
- Partner with other community organizations to accomplish risk management objectives, and to enhance our relationship with the public we serve.



Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is a process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by the **integrated** and strategic investment of resources (emergency response and prevention) to reduce their occurrence and impact.

CRR is **NOT** a new concept for the fire service!

- CRR is **NOT** just a name change for fire prevention. It is an integration of all our protection strategies – including emergency operations and prevention/mitigation efforts.
- Fire Departments have been doing CRR under a variety of names for years.
- Home safety visits have been singled out as one of the more effective measures that the fire service can take to improve public safety.

Is **YOUR** department on board?

- Are you making CRR part of your department's core mission?
- Do your personnel know how to identify risks, and apply CRR initiatives to reduce them?
- Does your department understand that, similar to Community Policing, CRR programs are necessary to control rising emergency incident rates and costs, while resources for fire departments are receiving cuts?



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www.homesafetyvisit.org