Report on Leading and Living Life Safety Lessons Learned

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Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in 1992 to honor America’s fallen firefighters and to provide their survivors with the resources they need to rebuild their lives.

In 2004, the Foundation expanded its mission to include the prevention of line-of-duty deaths and injuries, and delivers firefighter health and safety training, resources and advocacy under the Everyone Goes Home® program.

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Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives

The 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives were created to support the goals of the Everyone Goes Home® program; each initiative is focused on one key area of firefighter health and safety.

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Firefighter Life Safety Initiative #14

Public education must receive more resources and be championed as a critical fire and life safety program.

Firefighter Life Safety Initiative #15

Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.

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Lessons Learned

- Meeting held December 2015 in Annapolis, MD
- Representatives from 14 states and D.C
- Goal: Share lessons learned on improving fire and life safety
Lessons Learned from Across the Country

Representatives from Arizona, Iowa, Maryland and Tennessee

Provided lessons on finding common grounds, importance of collaboration, value of data-driven proof, fighting long battles and successful partnerships.

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Lessons Learned from Across the Country: Maryland-Local Level

Chief Marc Bashoor, Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department

Lesson Learned: Data-Driven

- There have been NO fire fatalities in sprinklered homes in PG County since the 1992 legislation requiring residential sprinkler installations on all levels of an occupancy. (The legislation was not retroactive.)

- From 1992 to 2014, there were 20,700 fire incidents in Prince George’s County in unprotected structures. In comparison, there were only 667 fire incidents in protected structures in that same time frame.
Lesson Learned: Data-Driven

- From 1992 to 2014, there were 621 injuries and 230 fatalities in unprotected structures. In protected structures, there were 23 injuries and no fire fatalities.

- The average dollar loss of a fire in an unprotected structure from 1992 to 2014 was $69,662; average dollar loss of a fire in a protected structure during the same period was $12,218.
Attendee Breakout Sessions

Myths, Misconceptions & Misinformation

1. Smoke Alarms
2. Residential Sprinklers
3. Community Risk Reduction
4. Building Codes

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Sprinklers Save Lives
A Maryland Story

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TAKE A WAYS

– Sher Grog “I learned from the experts”.
– Fire Service leads the nation with regards to the life safety message for the communities we serve
– No one else should be allowed to define what life safety means
TAKE A WAYS

– We have the FACTS
– We carry the emotional burden
– We have the moral obligation
Report

• The video and report are available at Everyonegoeshome.com