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Comments

I have spent the last 12 years in the fire service educating and helping FDs to how to respond to a LODD. Our program is titled "Tradition, Honor, Respect". It's a very, very frank discussion and educational program on the primary subject line; "It's not if BUT when this hits your agency!" Over the years I have seen a better penetration of participant minds and challenging very old paradigms, by using frank, insistent but professional language and media.

While this program we do may not help prevent LODDs inasmuch, but the 'volume' must be turned up and take out some of the less frank methods by which we are educating not only current FD leadership, but to get inside of the younger FFs and make sure they know this plain fact, again something else we use in our LODD education program,; "When the bell goes off, there is NO guarantee everyone comes back."

Only since we have modified our approach and use of more serious vernaculars, media and teaching styles, (not in your face style whatsoever) have we been able to get our message across the many barriers we all face. And one of the biggest from fire leadership is the all-to-old moniker "It ain't ever going to happen here."

I offer any assistance and services from our professional consulting programs and educational services.

I wish you well in the duties ahead.

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