

2022 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY STAND DOWN



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The 2022 Safety Stand Down theme is “Situational Awareness: The Foundation for Good Decision Making.” This theme focuses on the importance of situational awareness during response operations to help firefighters solve problems, prevent bad outcomes, and make better decisions in high stress environments. Five daily focus areas will highlight situational awareness during different incident types: structure fires, EMS, wildland incidents, roadway response, and acts of violence. During the course of the week you will receive several newsletters with helpful information, links to videos and articles, and online courses.

Situational awareness (SA) barriers flaw and impact the (recurring) three- step SA development process:

- Perception –Gathering intel about what is happening (size-up).
- Understanding –Comprehending the meaning of the intel(sense-making).
- Prediction –Anticipating the outcome of future events (visioning).

Situational awareness is the foundation for dynamic decision making.

[Situational Awareness Basics - Physical Environment](#)

[Situational Awareness Basics - Mental Environment](#)

Understanding how human error occurs from:

- Slips in judgment -Inadvertently doing something different than what you intended to do.
- Lapses in memory –Forgetting to do something or losing your train of thought in the middle of a task.
- Flawed decision making –Doing the wrong thing while believing it was the right thing to do.

Human error can happen to anyone at any time, even your most experienced and most well-trained members.

