

2024 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY STAND DOWN



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Community Relations and Risk
Assessment



Essentially, the fire service exists not only to respond to emergency incidents, but also to proactively prevent or mitigate the impact of such incidents within their communities.

Risk Assessment

[NFPA 1300 Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development](#)

[NFPA 1452 Guide for Training Fire Service Personnel to Conduct Community Risk Reduction for Residential Occupancies](#)

- Identify risks
- Prioritize risks
- Determine how to prevent/mitigate risks
- Focus efforts
- Become more of a community player
- Provide value-added services
- Improve quality of life for the community

Prevent Critical Losses



[NFPA Public Safety Drone Guide](#)
[NFPA 3000 Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response](#)
[Traffic Incident Management and Vehicle Response Training](#)

Why Community Relations Matter

Community relations are vital for fire departments to operate effectively, gain community trust, and fulfill their mission.

- Fire departments exist with the consent of the public, whether volunteer or paid.
- Fire departments recognize their responsibilities to the community beyond profit-making.
- Benefits from good community relations include increased understanding, trust, and acceptance.
- Inspire the next generation through open days, safety talks at schools, and nursing homes.
- Involves building and maintaining a positive connection between the fire department and the local community.
- Fire departments should anticipate future trends and offer impactful programs that meet community needs.

The “Real” Job: Fire Service in the Community