



LINE OF DUTY DEATH REPORT

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As Firefighters Struggle to Save Lives, Many Are Losing Themselves, Too

Executive Summary

Since 2003, at least 1,000 firefighters have died in the line of duty, according to a new report from the U.S. Fire Administration. The report is the first comprehensive study of firefighter deaths since the 1990s.

The report shows that the majority of firefighter deaths are due to heart disease, followed by falls, vehicle accidents, and burns. The report also highlights the physical and mental toll that firefighting takes on firefighters.

The report is based on data from 2003 to 2009, and it shows that the number of firefighter deaths has increased significantly in recent years. The report also notes that firefighters are often injured or killed while trying to save lives.

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