2012 LODD's

To Date:

72

Upward Trend

LODD's in the past month:

10

1st ½ of 2012 = 34

2nd ½ of 2012 to date = 38

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO SUBSCRIBE TO THE SECRET LIST, FIREHOUSE, FIRE ENGINEERING, USFA, OR ANY OTHER FIRE SERVICE MEDIUMS HAVE YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE LODD NOTIFICATIONS THAT ARE FILLING YOUR INBOX'S IN THE PAST MONTH? TO DATE IN 2012 THE MOST DANGEROUS MONTH TO WORK AS A FIREFIGHTER IN THE U.S. HAS BEEN APRIL (10 LODD'S). THE SAFEST MONTH IN 2012 THUS FAR HAS BEEN MAY WITH 2 LODD'S. SO FAR IN THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER THE FIRE SERVICE HAS LOST AT LEAST 7 FIREFIGHTERS. AND WITH THE NFPA REPORTING A 219% INCREASE IN HOUSE FIRES ON THANKSGIVING DAY ALONE, THE RISK IS THERE FOR NOVEMBER 2012 TO HOLD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF DEATHS PER MONTH FOR THE YEAR.

So what does this mean?

You now have the knowledge that the fire service may take a 'hit' this month, but what are you going to do with it?

- Are you going to inspect your gear before each shift?
- Are you going to drive slower during adverse weather conditions?
- Will you conduct a risk vs. benefit analysis with every assignment given?
- Are you going to keep your head on a swivel in an effort to gain as much situational awareness (SA) as possible?

Are you going to walk into the station each shift dedicated to learning something new about this job?

And for the Officers: You volunteered for your position in some way, shape or form. What words, actions, and examples are you going to give your crew each shift that will ensure they are sent home safely?

Safety is every member of the department's responsibility.

Let's all do our part to keep the LODD numbers down.

Stay Safe!