



How Can My Fire Department Participate in the FOCUS Survey?

Thank you for your interest in administering FOCUS: The Fire Service Organizational Culture of Safety survey in your department. The survey was developed at the Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Now, through a partnership with the Fire Department Safety Officers Association (FDSOA) we are able to administer the FOCUS survey to 500 fire departments nationwide.

Safety culture is a strong predictor of firefighter injuries. Our validated survey can be used to assess firefighter safety culture and test its association with injuries. This survey tool will provide your fire department with objective data to reduce injuries in the fire service. Please read over the items below to confirm if your department is ready to participate.

~ Survey Materials, Data Analysis, and your Safety Culture Report expenses are covered by the FEMA AFG Program~

Your department is ready to participate if the following requirements can be met:

- ☐ Complete a fire department demographic form, which includes information such as:
 - Total number of members per fire station
 - Total number of injuries per fire station (for the last calendar year)
 - Total number of runs per fire station
- ☐ Ensure that at least 60% of members from each fire station complete the survey
 - Respondents should include all **active** members on your roster. Including both leadership and rank & file.
 - The survey must be administered in a group setting and collected immediately following completion, rather than administered individually. Group settings that have worked well for successful administration include training sessions or morning meetings around the kitchen table.
- ☐ Be able to administer and return completed surveys within 1 month of receiving the survey.

The survey is offered in both Paper and Online formats. To be eligible for the **Online** format, your fire department must:

- Have an **established** online platform, such as Target Solutions, in order to keep track of how many surveys have been completed (to accurately track completion rates)

In return, your fire department will receive:

- Customized data showing your safety culture score at both the department level and at each individual fire station
- A comparative analysis of your safety culture score to other similar departments who have participated
- Objective evidence that can be used to inform safety related policy decisions

To assess your departments readiness and confirm you meet the criteria: [CLICK HERE](#)

Questions?

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