

TotalFireE-News!

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-9/11...5 Years Later:

9-11-06...five years later. 9/11....it is a day to remember how good we have it here and how close we could be to losing our freedom. Don't think for a second our Country can ever let our guard down. We can never forget. Here at Total Fire Group, so sadly like many of you, we lost some very dear, life-long friends.

As we contemplate what 9-11-01 means on 9-11-06... a few minutes might be spent remembering how good all of us have it. Not just as Americans... but as firefighters and those who work with all of you-firefighters. Our deepest thoughts go out to all those who lost loved ones, friends and family on 9-11-01 as well as to the families of our military who have loved ones serving-and who have lost loved ones serving so we can enjoy the good life that we all have. 5 years, 50 years or 500 years-we must NEVER FORGET.

2 "Must Go" Places

This past week, a Ground Zero visitor's center opened in a once shattered storefront on Liberty St., right next door to the FDNY "10 House". Following months of construction, the 6,000-square-foot TributeWTCVisitorCenter now provides an audiovisual history of the WorldTradeCenter, 9/11 and the victims.

"Thousands of visitors flock to this site every day, seeking understanding, and also looking to pay tribute to those who were lost and those who came to our aid," Tribute Center President and former FDNY Deputy Fire Commissioner Lynn Tierney said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The center, which also serves as a starting point for walking tours of the site by guides who are survivors and family members of those murdered, was created by the September 11th Families' Association....people who know the horrific and murderous impact of 9/11 first hand.

If you are a firefighter, no matter where you are from, plan on visiting, as soon as possible.
www.TributeNYC.org

Additionally, in Cincinnati, the NationalFreedomCenter in downtown is hosting (through the holidays) an amazing 9/11 Exhibit based upon reflections of children, adults and firefighters. This is a FIRST CLASS "proud to be an American" EXHIBIT featuring the writing of children to the FDNY, NYPD and PAPD members. It also features a 9/11 video and interactive exhibit as well. The link is: <http://www.freedomcenter.org/>. This exhibit for families is a must see.

-Firefighter Safety and Survival-CRASHES.

There have been numerous very serious fire apparatus crashes recently of which some very tragically took the lives of firefighters. In order to help, we thought the following sites and resources would help you and your FD:

<http://www.ResponderSafety.com>

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/research/safety/vehicle.shtm>

http://www.iaff.org/evsp/power_point.html

http://www.lionvillefire.org/hwy_safety/

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/weeklydrills.php>

<http://www.emergencyvehicleresponse.com/>

<http://www.drivetosurvive.org/>

<http://cms.firehouse.com/content/section/content.jsp?sectionId=15>

NEW Specification Bunker Gear.

You can order 2007 edition gear NOW as lead time on clothing overlaps the effective date of the new edition of NFPA. We have been informed that UL will be issuing industry wide certification by mid-September.

If your fire department needs to update your specifications to include our *“Articulating”* Drag Rescue Device, simply contact your dealer or your total Fire Group Inside Marketing Associate at the factory at 800-688-6148 today!

-See You At YOUR Firehouse!

Sometimes firefighters themselves don't feel as educated on their protective clothing as much as they would like to. Questions such as:

-Isn't all bunker gear the same?

-Why do we have THIS liner?

-What is the deal with high back pants?

-What does THAT tail do?

-Can this gear protect me in a WMD environment?

-Does lightweight gear give me as much protection as heavier gear?

-What is the NEW NFPA standard going to do to our current gear?

At a time picked by you (day, evening or weekends!) and at absolutely no cost (and we'll even treat for sodas and coffee!) one of our Total Fire Group Regional Directors will be glad to come to your firehouse and meet with your gear committee-or any members of your department-to answer these and anything else related to safety and survival related to your firefighter protective clothing. Give us a call at 800-688-6148 and ask for your RD or IMA to set up your educational session on the subjects YOU want covered!

See You In Dallas at Fire-Rescue International!

We look forward to seeing you NEXT WEEK at the IAFC's Fire-Rescue International in Dallas. Be sure to come by and see us at # 2551 and see our 3,600 square feet of the newest and ***THE PROVEN BEST*** in firefighter personal protection.

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