



STATE FIRE MARSHAL MESSAGE

Fire Prevention-Firefighter Safety

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COVID 19 CONTINUES...

Maintaining Fire Department Capabilities During a Pandemic



Use this information to help your fire department prepare for a pandemic.

Put the wet stuff on the red stuff

- Stop all nonemergency tasks, such as hydrant inspection, code inspections, etc.
- Reassign personnel from nonemergency tasks to field operations
- Backfill less-essential functions with supplemental staff and personnel

Manage expectations

- Keep government officials and leadership informed of potential fire department personnel shortages.
- Include labor and other municipal components in planning.
- Inform the public — work through your joint information system.
- Maintain coordination with your local public health officials. Be in touch.
- Ensure that everyone is on the same page.

Keep your distance

- Assess patients at a distance — at least 6 feet away at first (or as far as possible) if the presence of a respiratory or other contagious illness.
- If possible, meet patients in open air.
- If you must enter a home, assess the patient from the doorway first.
- Do not have your entire crew exposed when only one or two could be.
- Follow guidance from CDC, state and local public health, and EMS.
- Develop a policy on closing all fire stations to visitors and how to handle them to care without entry.

Fresh air is your friend

- Ventilate vehicles during transport/response.
- Ventilate vehicles after transport/response.

If the national epicenter of COVID-19 is drawn within a 100-mile radius of New York City, than most of New Jersey remains well within it.

NJ Firefighters and EMTs have been on the front lines from the outset.

Click the adjacent graphic to learn how to stay operational during these unprecedented times.

WHAT DO I DO



Though efforts continue to maintain a steady supply of PPE for emergency personnel, shortages can still occur.

Click the adjacent graphic to read the latest FEMA guidance on PPE: Reduce, Reuse, and Repurpose.

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