

**2020 FIREFIGHTER
SAFETY
STAND DOWN**



TG-1 (MAIN) Announcement:

Read immediately following on-duty staff announcements (day & night):

6/14:

This week, the Baltimore County Fire Department is participating in the Firefighter Safety Stand Down, "Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting First Responders on Roadways." All non-emergency activities are suspended to focus on reducing our risk of serious injury or death on roadways. According to the Federal Highway Administration, the likelihood of a secondary crash increases by 2.8% for each minute the primary incident continues to be a hazard.

6/15:

This week, the Baltimore County Fire Department is participating in the Firefighter Safety Stand Down, "Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting First Responders on Roadways." All non-emergency activities are suspended to focus on reducing our risk of serious injury or death on roadways. Advanced warning notification is vital to informing approaching motorists of the incident ahead and allow them time to react. Flares, cones, and emergency apparatus should be used to provide this warning.

6/16:

This week, the Baltimore County Fire Department is participating in the Firefighter Safety Stand Down, "Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting First Responders on Roadways." All non-emergency activities are suspended to focus on reducing our risk of serious injury or death on roadways. A spotter equipped with a portable radio should be designated in the work area to observe oncoming traffic and warn members of unsafe or changing conditions.

6/17:

This week, the Baltimore County Fire Department is participating in the Firefighter Safety Stand Down, "Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting First Responders on Roadways." All non-emergency activities are suspended to focus on reducing our risk of serious injury or death on roadways. Members should exit and enter the apparatus on the side opposite of the flow of traffic. Always look prior to opening the apparatus door to ensure its safe to exit.

6/18:

This week, the Baltimore County Fire Department is participating in the Firefighter Safety Stand Down, "Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting First Responders on Roadways." All non-emergency activities are suspended to focus on reducing our risk of serious injury or death on roadways. All members not using SCBA must wear a reflective vest or the reflective yellow Blauer jacket when operating on or near the roadway.

6/19:

This week, the Baltimore County Fire Department is participating in the Firefighter Safety Stand Down, "Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting First Responders on Roadways." All non-emergency activities are suspended to focus on reducing our risk of serious injury or death on roadways. EMS providers must recognize that "treating in place" is not the best practice when operating on a roadway incident. EMS transport units must make every effort to exit the roadway as soon as practical.

6/20:

This week, the Baltimore County Fire Department is participating in the Firefighter Safety Stand Down, "Building a Superhighway to Safety-Protecting First Responders on Roadways." All non-emergency activities are suspended to focus on reducing our risk of serious injury or death on roadways. The second suppression unit should position 150 to 200 feet upstream of the first suppression unit and shall not be placed in service until downstream units clear, regardless of incident severity. CHART may be used in place of the second unit.