



Vulnerability Assessment Program 2 Sample Questions

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Learning Objective: The student will be able to answer 10 sample Vulnerability Assessment Program (VAP) questions.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) VAP consists of 412 primary yes/no questions used to assess individual and department risks.

Questions were developed by Subject Matter Experts based on the six known root causes identified in a study of more than 3,000 line-of-duty death reports. These include ineffective decision-making, ineffective policies and procedures, ineffective leadership, lack of personal responsibility, lack of preparedness, and extraordinary and unpredictable events.

Here are just a few of the questions. With your responses, see how you and your organization stack up:

- Does your department conduct formal reviews of identified near misses?
- Does your department use headset radios on the fireground?
- Can the Incident Commander immediately receive **mayday** calls from firefighters?
- Does your department have a standard operating procedure for the safe and effective positioning of emergency vehicles at an incident?
- Does your department appoint peer coordinators to help implement physical fitness and wellness programs?
- Do all personnel receive training on potential hazards around fire stations and other department facilities?
- Does your department have a formal mutual-aid agreement to obtain an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team for explosives incidents?
- Does your department require Incident Command System training for all personnel?
- Does your department prohibit horseplay while on-duty?
- Does your preincident planning cover all high-hazard occupancies in your response area?

The NFFF urges every fire department in the United States to register and complete the VAP. It's easy to register at www.fireVAP.org. If you would like to know more about the VAP, its history and requirements, please visit the website and read the FAQs.



Is your organization prepared for a major exposure event? The Vulnerability Assessment Program will help you decide.