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**WHAT IS LODD**

- WHO IS A FIREFIGHTER
- WHAT IS A LODD
- LINE OF DUTY VS ON DUTY DEATH
- HOMETOWN HERO

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**WHAT/WHO IS LODD**

- USA LODD'S, 68 in 2021; 94 in 2022 and 85 in 2023.
- USA Hometown Hero's: 16-2023;16-2022;16-2021
- 370 LODD'S in 80 NC Counties
- NC LODD'S; 8 -2021; 4 -2022, 2 -2023 & 3 -2024

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**LODD STATISTICS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Career -</u>	<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Wildland</u>	<u>Pd/Call</u>
2023	35	41	5	4
2022	39	47	7	1
2021	67	44	9	5

<u>Ages:</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Under 21	1	2	4
21-25	6	6	6
26-30	8	5	8
31-40	23	20	11
41-50	28	18	17
51-60	43	26	17
61-over	17	17	22

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**DEATH BENEFITS**

- Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act of 1976
- Survivor's benefits for Federal, State, local and tribal law enforcement officers.
- Firefighters, rescue squad members, both career and volunteer.
- Current benefit is \$437,503.00 (10-1-23 to 11-30-24)
- Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022, recognized Suicide, *provided the suicide is a result of a singular event.*

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**DEATH BENEFITS**

- N.C. State and NCSFA benefits are \$100,000.00
- If worker's compensation applies, the payout is 66 2/3% of average weekly wages for 400 weeks
- Additional education benefits for spouse and children
- N.C. Firemen's Pension Fund

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### CAN LODD'S BE PREVENTED ?

- Planning for a LODD?
- Annual physical ability evaluations
- Mandatory comprehensive wellness and fitness programs
- Mandatory Retirement ????

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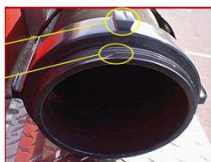
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### HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR LODD

- Create SOP/SOG
- Identify department key personnel
- Collect personnel information
- Develop a plan for various funeral types

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**WHAT ROLE DOES A CHAPLAIN PLAY**

- Visible at FD activities
- Help with planning and establishment of SOG/SOP
- Available for critical incident debriefing and counseling
- Trained and Aware of signs of stress and suicides

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**WHEN A LODD OCCURS**

- What are the roles/responsibilities of the Chaplain ?
- Assists family and FD with planning of funeral
- Helps family with routine task, meals
- Be aware of FD members who might need help

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**AFTER THE FUNERAL**

- When everyone goes home, what support do we provide for the family? Our Fire Department ?
- Include family in FD activities, keep them informed
- Do we offer incident debriefing and when
- Grief support

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### AFTER THE FUNERAL

- Do all the members of our FD family need debriefing/counseling?
- Can some of us handle it better than others?
- How long does it take to get over a LODD?
- Some insurance policies have coverage to cover expenses of counseling

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### LINE OF DUTY DEATH

- The most important form in your file

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### LODD

- For more information on LODD see:
  - [www.ncfff.com](http://www.ncfff.com) NC Fallen Firefighters Foundation
  - [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org) National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
  - [www.ic.nc.gov](http://www.ic.nc.gov) NC Industrial Commission
  - [www.nctreasurer.com](http://www.nctreasurer.com) NC Firemen's & Rescue Squad Workers Pension Fund
  - [www.psofb.gov](http://www.psofb.gov) Public Safety Officer's Benefit Office
  - [www.ncsfa.com](http://www.ncsfa.com) NC State Firefighters Association
  - [www.fhln.org](http://www.fhln.org) The Fire Hero Learning Network
  - [www.ncdoi.com/OSFM](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM) NC State Fire Marshal's Office
  - <https://bja.ojp.gov-program-psob> Public Safety Officer's Programs & Benefits
  - <https://www.nfpa.org-code-and-standards-1582> NFPA 1582 Medical Exam
  - [App.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities](http://App.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities) List of current LODD in the US
- [linkerd@bellsouth.net](mailto:linkerd@bellsouth.net) David Linker 704-213-6114

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**LODD**

- **THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING**
  
- **“BE CAREFUL OUT THERE”**

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