

*“We are here to help the farmers look at themselves, and hopefully they will eliminate some accidents. If they don’t have to call firefighters/EMS, then it has been a success.”*

**-Gary Eloranta**

Battalion Chief, River Falls Fire Department

## Contact Us:

To learn more about the RF-DASH program, visit:

[rfdash.org](http://rfdash.org)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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call us at 715-389-7947



## Local Fire/EMS Department Contact Information:

Fire/EMS Department:

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# Help Us Help Ourselves and Your Farm

We are your local firefighters/EMS, and we want to be a resource for your farm. The RF-DASH program utilizes existing networks of firefighter/EMS in order to pre-plan emergency responses to local farms and ranches as well as provide brief farm safety consultations. These consultations are designed to **improve farm safety and reduce the number of farm emergencies.**



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## Pre-Planning

Emergency responders show up to an environment they may not know where the hazards or important resources are located.

Pre-planning and mapping using [www.FarmMapper.org](http://www.FarmMapper.org) allows emergency responders to receive access to a bird's eye view of the farm and know where all of the hazards/resources are located to **expedite response times and reduce the damage on a farm.**

## Farm Safety Consultation

Wouldn't you like to reduce the chance of an emergency in the first place? RF-DASH trained personnel can generate a safety hazard report, using the secure mobile friendly tool at [www.saferfarm.org](http://www.saferfarm.org). This is friendly third party advice and not to be confused with OSHA or insurance company reports.

## Farm First Aid

RF-DASH trainees are also equipped to provide farm first aid training for farmers, workers, and their families. This training will teach farm families the basics of how to respond if there is an emergency and increase chances of survival. This standard first aid course is tailored to the farm environment and emphasizes injury prevention knowledge.

# Why Should I Participate?

This program is meant to partner farmers together in order to **prevent firefighter/EMS injuries in responding to farm emergencies and reduce the overall number of farm injuries and fatalities.** By allowing fire departments to become more familiar with your farm, you will be promoting the overall health and safety of your farm and the rural community.



RF-DASH trained responders are respectful and appreciative of a farmer's time. Only two hours of your time are required to assess your farm for safety. Details about your farm will **not be shared with anyone other than the fire/EMS department.** Because every farm is different, we do want to make sure that we can better respond to an emergency on every farm, which also means continuing to do what you love - farming.