The Problem:
People who work in agriculture are 8-10 times more likely to die on the job than the average U.S. worker. Inadequate numbers of safety consultants exist to assist farmers in making their farms safer.

The Solution:
The “Rural Firefighters Delivering Agricultural Safety and Health,” or RF-DASH, project is training and equipping firefighters/EMS to help fill this need and spread ag health and safety knowledge to farmers in their service areas.

THE IMPACT

→ RFDASH has been highlighted in a four-part series of Progressive Dairyman articles with a national audience.

→ Over 40 firefighters/EMS have been trained as trainers in the program, including those from Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York, and Massachusetts.

→ New trainers have started to train others and make their own presentations. This includes over 20 new participants in Wisconsin, Vermont, and Ohio.

Five-part classroom and hands-on training with easy to use, free tools.

1. Introduction to Agricultural Emergencies
2. NFMCFarmMAPPER.com – a pre-plan map of farms to expedite response times in emergencies
3. SaferFarm.org – a hazard analysis tool to recommend abatement of common farm hazards
4. Farm First Aid – train bystanders on immediate response to an emergency while waiting for first responders
5. Approaching the Farm Community

What Participants Say:
"Loved the content and passion driving this project. I know it will go far. Well organized, easy to understand and use material."
“Fun training, hands-on practice, safe environment to ask questions and learn.”

Watch a Program Highlight Video at: bcover.video/2P4PEAH

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