



Success Stories

RURAL FIREFIGHTERS DELIVERING AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (RF-DASH)

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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



Farm MAPPER



Course Section 1 Introduction to Ag Emergencies

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: bcove.video/2P4PEAH

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