

Where can I find out more about the VAP?

Visit the VAP website to begin your registration www.FireVAP.org.

What does the VAP cost?

The assessment is free for fire departments. There is no charge to receive the customized report of suggested resources.

VAP Stakeholders

Fire Service Organization Stakeholders

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
United States Fire Administration
Congressional Fire Services Institute
Fire Department Safety Officers Association
International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters
International Association of Fire Chiefs
International Association of Fire Fighters
International Association of Women in Fire & Emergency Services



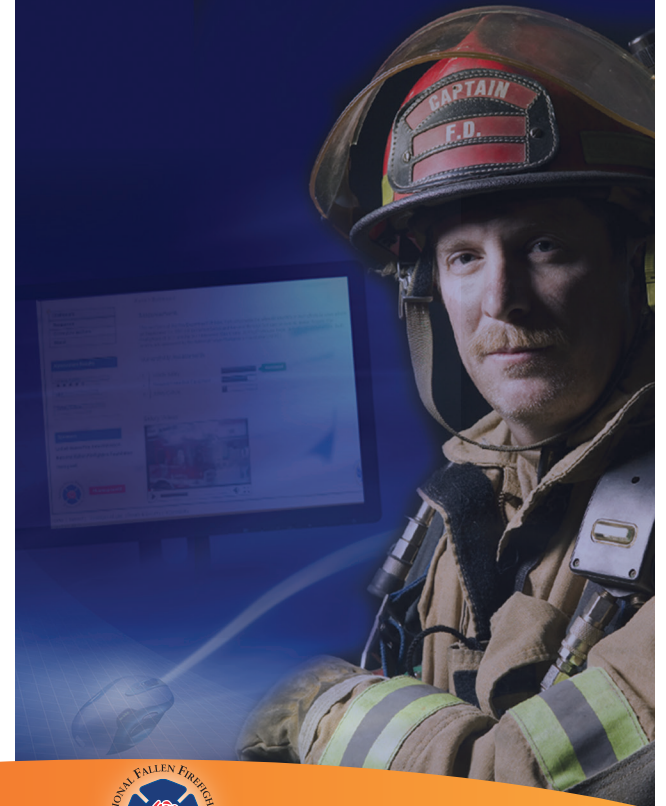
National Association of Hispanic Firefighters
National Fire Protection Association
National Volunteer Fire Council
North American Fire Training Directors

Other Stakeholders

Honeywell Fire Systems
Honeywell First Responder Products
Center for Public Safety Excellence
Fire Apparatus Manufacturers Association
Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association
FPP, Oklahoma State University
ICMA, Center for Public Safety Management
LION
NIOSH, Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program
OSHA - Standards and Guidance
City of Philadelphia Risk Management
Provident Agency
United States Forest Service
United States Navy Fire and Emergency Services and Command
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VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

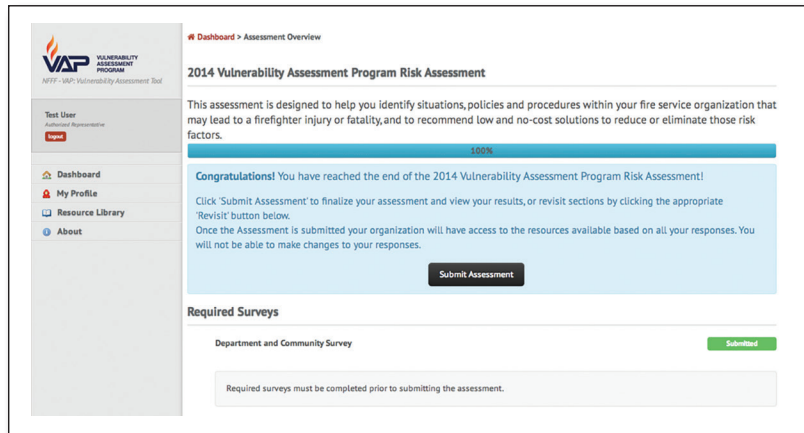


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What is the Vulnerability Assessment Program (VAP)?

The Vulnerability Assessment Program (also known as the VAP) is an online risk assessment tool that can be used by fire departments to identify vulnerabilities in many areas. The VAP has the capacity to identify existing risks within a fire service organization that could lead to a firefighter injury or fatality and will recommend solutions to reduce or eliminate risk factors. This project was developed by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) with help from the United States Fire Administration (USFA), and is **made possible exclusively through the generous financial support of Honeywell.**

The VAP is composed of three parts—a registration profile, the VAP assessment tool of Yes or No questions, and a community survey. The VAP supports the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives to reduce risks that may result in firefighter line-of-duty injuries and deaths.



How does the VAP work?

The VAP consists of over 400 Yes or No questions divided into the six root causes of line-of-duty deaths (LODDs). The surveys are analyzed in real time and departments receive a report with suggestions for improvements in each risk area. These customized reports will include suggestions for life-saving improvements including reference to NFPA and other national standards, fire service reports, and model policies among other resources.

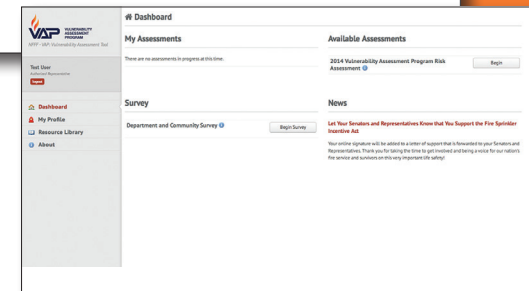
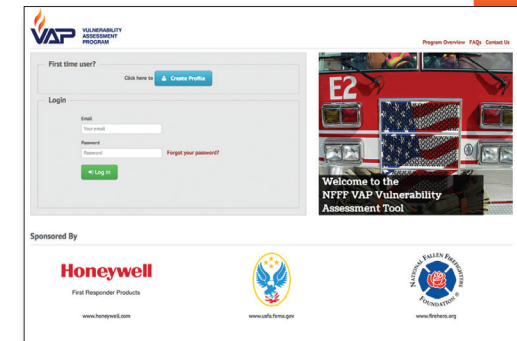
Why should my department complete a VAP assessment?

First and foremost, the VAP will enable you to identify and correct risk factors within your department that may lead to the injury or death of one of your firefighters. The VAP will also provide the necessary justification, and in many cases, the resources needed to address identified risks. Suggested resources will help with the formulation of safety plans, strategic plans and budget justifications.

I belong to a very small fire department. Is the VAP for our organization?

Definitely. Chief Bill Jenaway of the King of Prussia (PA) Volunteer Fire Company said it best: "Even though the VAP may appear to address deficiencies not applicable to small volunteer departments, **all organizations can improve** and this is a tool for identifying gaps in staffing and resources for every fire service department in the United States."

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation suggests that every fire department in the United States go through the Vulnerability Assessment Program exercise to discover gaps in resources and service capabilities. Firefighters should not die because they are unaware of safety practices that could save their lives.



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