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Electric vehicle home charging: safety tips for your community



Many residents in your community have already bought, or are thinking about buying, an electric vehicle (EV) but they may not know about the fire and electric shock hazards associated with charging EVs at home.

Check out our latest Current Issues and Events article on EV home charging for safety tips, including a downloadable handout that you can share with your community.

[Read the article](#)

National Fire Academy vacancy opportunities

Many of our courses have vacancy opportunities at this time. Our list is updated every Monday and Thursday. Vacancies fill quickly so if you're interested, apply as soon as you can!

[View the course vacancy list](#)

UL webinars share lithium-ion battery science for safe response

The Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Battery Safety Science free webinar series brings together experts to discuss lithium-ion battery technology and safety. Several of the webinars are of interest to emergency responders, including programs on thermal runaway, gas emissions, EV fire data and fire service considerations for response to a lithium-ion battery incident.

[Learn more about the webinars](#)

New pipeline preparedness toolkit for fire departments

A new toolkit from the National Volunteer Fire Council helps fire departments conduct pre-incident planning, increase preparedness and improve response to pipeline incidents. The toolkit includes job aids to guide first responders through all aspects of a response to a pipeline incident.

[Get the toolkit](#)

Recent firefighter fatalities reported to USFA

Dylan Rodiek, Firefighter/EMT

Jollyville Fire Department, Austin, Texas

Willie Bunch, Lieutenant

Oak City Fire and Rescue Department,
Oak City, North Carolina

William Stalls, Firefighter/EMT

Oak City Fire and Rescue Department,
Oak City, North Carolina

Derek Poole, Firefighter

Catawba Volunteer Fire Department,
Catawba, North Carolina

Colin McFadden, Firefighter/EMT

Burlington Volunteer Fire Department,
Burlington, Connecticut

Tommy Hopson, Deputy Chief

Carroll County Fire Rescue, Carrollton,
Georgia

Joshua Schwindt, Firefighter

Morton County Fire Department, Elkhart,
Kansas

Timothy Watson, Firefighter/EMT

Barrow County Emergency Services,
Winder, Georgia

[Explore firefighter fatality statistics](#)

Fatalities in 2021



26 on-duty firefighter fatalities attributed to COVID-19.

Home fire deaths



40 home fire deaths were reported by the U.S. news media for Aug. 8-14.

Home fire death incidents:	35
States with incidents:	20
Home fire deaths since Jan. 1:	1,506

[Learn more about these incidents](#)

Focus on fire safety

Community risk reduction

The “5 E’s” is a [CRR model used to help combat the fire and life safety problem](#). The **Enforcement** activity under the 5 E’s model identifies potential risks and non-compliance in your local properties and teaches your community how fire safety codes protect them.

The USFA’s Fire Marshal Interchange (FMI) provides a community for professionals to share knowledge and information about enforcement issues. The FMI is a secure information platform that allows fire marshals from across the United States to share knowledge and information outside jurisdictions.

By sharing information on the FMI with others in your profession, you will help bring awareness to — and learn about — problems and trends that threaten the lives of those we have sworn to protect from fire and life safety issues.

[Learn how you can join the FMI](#)



Fire Marshal Interchange

Connecting. Communicating. Collaborating.

Fire is Everyone's Fight®

There are dozens of ways you can use Fire Is Everyone's Fight to help teach people in your city or town to be safe from fire. [Join the fight](#) for a few ideas to get you started.

