

# VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

## Overview

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), in coordination with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), has developed an online Vulnerability Assessment Program (VAP) that provides fire departments with a systematic process to evaluate risks that are known to be the cause of firefighter injuries and line-of-duty deaths. Honeywell provided financial support and leadership throughout the development of the VAP.

A vulnerability assessment is the process of identifying, quantifying and prioritizing the vulnerabilities within an organizational system, such as a fire department. For instance, your firefighters may be at risk because you do not have or do not enforce a mandatory seat-belt policy. Resources will help you develop and support enforcement of such a policy.

There is no perfect score to achieve at the end of taking the VAP assessment. Rather, your goal is to achieve low risk outcomes in the many categories explored in the VAP. As the process and results are confidential, there is no reason to be less than honest when determining your status per question.

Fire departments should use their results to develop operational and strategic plans to implement the risk reduction recommendations in the reports. Chiefs and risk analysts will find this his data invaluable when formulating and defending budget requests.

### Key Features

- Online and interactive
- Secure with all data password protected
- Comprehensive focus on root causes of LODDs
- User friendly with only Y/N questions
- Free



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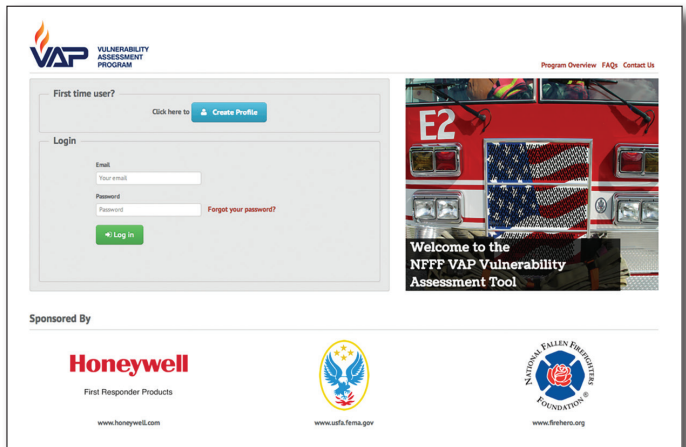


# Vulnerability Assessment Program Details

A study investigating the root causes of over 3,400 firefighter line-of-duty-deaths conducted by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) concluded that the vast majority of these deaths could have been prevented. In order to help fire departments in their efforts to eliminate preventable firefighter injuries and deaths, the NFFF, in coordination with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and with primary financial support by Honeywell, developed the VAP for every department who wants to evaluate and mitigate its risk profile.

The VAP is composed of three parts—a department profile, the VAP assessment survey of 412 Yes or No questions, and a community survey. All three sections must be completed for a department to receive access to resources. When all three sections are completed, resources are available immediately. Resources may be appropriate standards, SOPs and SOGs, academic presentations, and many fire industry-specific articles. The VAP can be completed in a few hours, but there are no time restrictions. A Chief may complete the survey, or sections may be assigned to others.

The VAP is intended for every fire department—from the largest metro to the most modest volunteer organizations. No department has a perfect safety record, and each organization has



a responsibility to keep its firefighters safe! The NFFF suggests that every fire department in the United States go through the VAP 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.

The VAP has received resolutions of support from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Center for Public Safety Excellence, and the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

Start the VAP today at [www.FireVAP.org](http://www.FireVAP.org).



*“Thank you very much for making this resource available, I feel it has highlighted some significant concerns that we can address quickly and effectively. Take care and stay safe.”*

— Fire Officer from Wisconsin



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