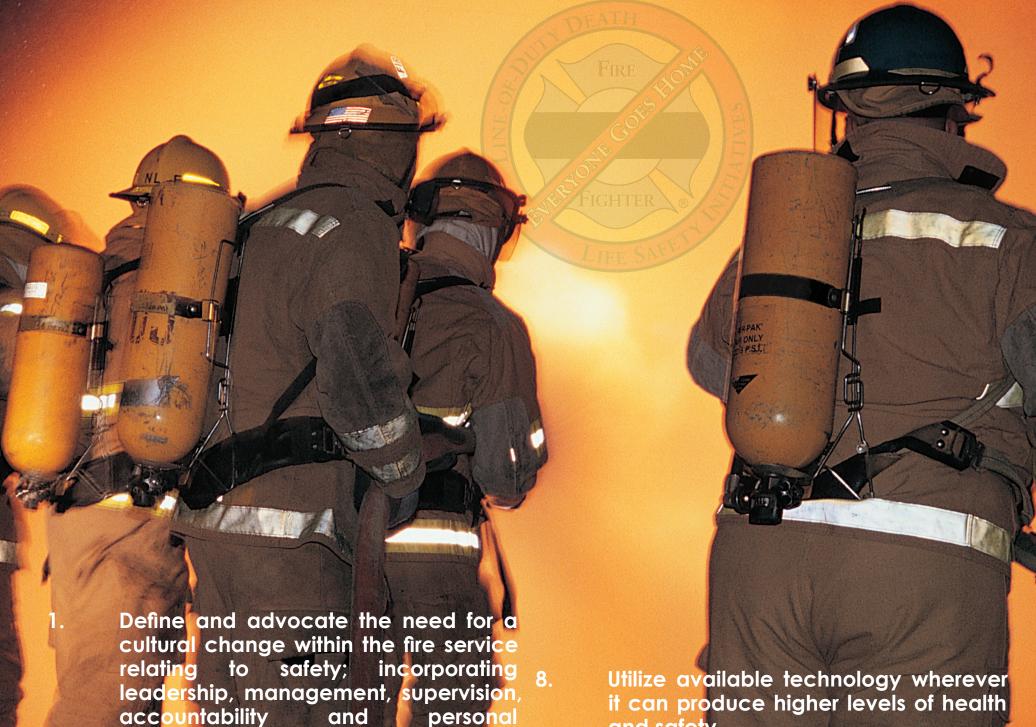
## 16 FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY INITIATIVES



personal **Enhance** the 2. organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service.

responsibility.

- Focus greater attention on the integration of risk management with incident management at all levels, strategic, tactical, and including planning responsibilities.
- All firefighters must be empowered to stop unsafe practices.
- Develop and implement national standards for training, qualifications, and certification (including regular recertification) that equally are applicable to all firefighters based on the duties they are expected to perform.
- implement national Develop 6. and medical and physical fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.
- Create a national research agenda 16. **7**. and data collection system that relates to the initiatives.

- and safety.
  - Thoroughly investigate all firefighter fatalities, injuries, and near misses.
- Grant programs should support the 10. implementation of safe practices and/or mandate safe practices as an eligibility requirement.
  - National standards for emergency response policies and procedures should be developed and championed.
- National protocols for response to violent incidents should be developed and championed.
- Firefighters and their families must have 13. access to counseling and psychological support.
- Public education must receive more 14. resources and be championed as a critical fire and life safety program.
  - Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.
  - Safety must be a primary consideration in the design of apparatus and equipment.

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