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In recognition of the 20-year anniversary of the South Canyon Fire accident and the one-year anniversary of the Yarnell Hill Fire accident, we take this opportunity to review the basic wildland fire safety principles that help protect California’s firefighters. These events serve as reminders of the dangers faced by firefighters every day.

With unprecedented drought conditions and as we head into a very hot and dry Fourth of July holiday weekend, a coalition of California Fire Service partners is coming together to announce a **Safety Stand Down for July 3, 2014**. The purpose of the Safety Stand Down is to encourage all members of the California Fire Service to take the necessary time to review and discuss critical policies and procedures.

Many agencies have already completed their annual wildland training refreshers with the essential information that will help keep everyone safe. This included the Ten Standard Fire Orders, Eighteen Fire Situations That Shout “Watch Out!”, LCES, Common denominators of wildland fire fatalities, and a focus on wellness that includes physical training, adequate nutrition and hydration, adequate sleep and stress management. The July 3, 2014 Safety Stand Down is focused on a review of these safety procedures in the wildland and wildland-urban interface. The focus for this review should not be on tactical skills but should be on informal discussions around the firehouse to encourage each crew to review their plans for staying aware and safe.

The following links are included as a resource list, but should be augmented by each department’s SOPs:

- [CFFJAC Wildland Firefighter Resource](#)
- [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#)
- [NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

We stand together with the hope that every department and every member will join with us for the Safety Stand Down on July 3rd to continue to make safety our number one priority. Safety is everyone’s responsibility; together we can help ensure that everyone goes home at the end of his or her shift.

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