



Avian and Pandemic Influenza

International Association of Fire Fighters
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Who Are We?

- The largest representative of professional fire fighters in the United States
 - More than 3,100 affiliates in the U.S. and Canada
 - 26,354 fire departments
 - More than 280,000 members (fire fighters and emergency medical personnel)



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Our Mission

- To promote as safe and healthy a working environment for fire fighters as is possible through modern technology
- To place emergency responders on a higher plane of skill and efficiency



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IAFF's Target Audience

- General
 - Fire service (1.8 million)
 - Fire fighters
280,000 career
 - Emergency medical personnel
840,000
Basic, intermediate, and paramedic
 - Other emergency responders
 - Law enforcement
 - Emergency management
 - Public works



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Focus

- What are Avian and pandemic influenza?
- What will the effects on emergency response systems be?
- How can communities, fire departments and responders prepare themselves?
- How can responders protect themselves?
- Where can responders learn more?



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Programs Developed Under NIEHS Grant

- A Shift-Based Training Program
 - Downloadable Facilitators Guide, *Preparing for a Pandemic Flu: What First Responders Need to Know*
 - Module 1: In My Fire House (30 minutes)
 - Module 2: Making a Plan (1 hour)
 - Module 3: Protecting Myself (30 minute)
- An IAFF Training Module
 - Instructor-lead module, *Avian and Pandemic Influenza*, added to the *Infectious Diseases* course



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Pan-Flu Homepage

Virtual Academy

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Pandemic Flu Resources for First Responders

Current Status: No flu pandemics reported at this time

Resources

- IAFF Influenza Checklist
- Shift-based Training Program: Preparing for a Pandemic Flu and accompanying worksheet First Responder Family worksheet (PDF)
This facilitator's guide for safety officers and infectious-disease trainers contains three modules totaling two hours of instruction.
Funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- Centers for Disease Control Flu Impact Software
- Department of Homeland Security "Lessons Learned" Information Sharing (<http://www.flu.dhs.gov>)

Personal and Family Preparation

- Sub Emergency Plan (PDF)
- Family Checklist (PDF)

www.iaff.org/pandemicflu



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Train-the-Trainer

- *Avian and Pandemic Influenza* module to be included as part of the *Infectious Diseases* train-the-trainer offerings
- Open to:
 - IAFF's instructor cadre (Instructor Development Conference, May 2007)
 - Interested fire department personnel upon request
- Participants will review and practice teaching actual materials



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