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TASK FORCE PRESENTS**

Coronavirus: What Fire Chiefs Need to Know

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Welcome

- Introduction of Presenters
 - Fire Chief Gary Ludwig, IAFC President
 - Dr. James Augustine, MD, FACEP
 - Fire Chief John Sinclair, COVID Task Force Chair
 - Mr. Ken LaSala, Director of Government Relations
 - Mr. Jeff Dulin, National Mutual Aid System



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- Developed Coronavirus Resources Page
 - www.iafc.org/coronavirus
- Established a Coronavirus Task Force
 - *Fire Chief's Guide to Coronavirus Preparedness and Response*
 - Coronavirus Impact Survey and Map
 - Frequent updates to resources page



- What is Coronavirus (COVID-19)?
- How does it spread?
- How do symptoms typically present?



- Considerations when developing a plan:
 - Keeping our personnel safe
 - Using and protecting our places
 - Building the right processes
 - Eventually this will end

"What we can't do during a battle is lose our forces."



- Ask callers if they have COVID or a known exposure
- NO unique symptoms
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Running nose, dry cough, sore throat
- Community spread decreases value of travel history
- Advise crews of patient reports symptoms



- **Immediately provide surgical mask to all patients**
- Minimize personnel contacting patient, use open air
- Proper PPE includes:
 - N95 (when available) or surgical mask for providers
 - Goggles/Face shield and gloves
- Aerosol-generating procedures (in open air if possible)
 - Utilize N95 over surgical mask, add gown/coveralls
- High ventilation in patient compartment
- Driver should doff PPE, except mask, before driving



- Hospitals Upgrading Defenses
 - Outdoor Triage
 - Protected Staff
 - ***Universal Respiratory Precautions***
 - ***Limited Admissions***
 - “Testing” is moving off-site



- Leave ambulance doors/windows while transferring patients and completing reports
- Use approved disinfectant on all surfaces inside ambulance
- Increase cleaning frequency of fire stations and non-transport vehicles
- If patient presents at a fire station, keep patient outside when possible



- Quarantine vs. Isolation
- Pre-plan quarantines:
 - Quarantine/isolation location
 - Payment/Leave for individual
 - Logistics to support individual
 - Mental and behavioral health needs
- Quarantine is unlikely if patient wears mask and proper PPE used



- Review with Elected Leaders:
 - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - Continuity of Government Plan (COG)
- Supply Chain versus Burn Rate
- Innovative supply
- Mutual Aid/local, regional, state.



- Personal Protective Equipment
- Testing
- Treatment
- Disinfection

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President & CEO, First Line Technology



- Emergency Declaration (March 13)
 - \$50 billion available through Disaster Relief Fund
 - 75% federal cost share for personnel, tests/supplies, facilities securities, etc.
 - Contact state emergency managers for specific guidance



- Emergency Supplemental (March 6)
 - \$10M for infection control training
 - PPE likely distributed by state health departments
 - Funds vaccine and treatment research
- House-passed Legislation (March 14)
 - Paid sick/family leave, food assistance, unemployment benefits, waives co-pays for COVID testing
 - House passed on Friday and will make minor edits today



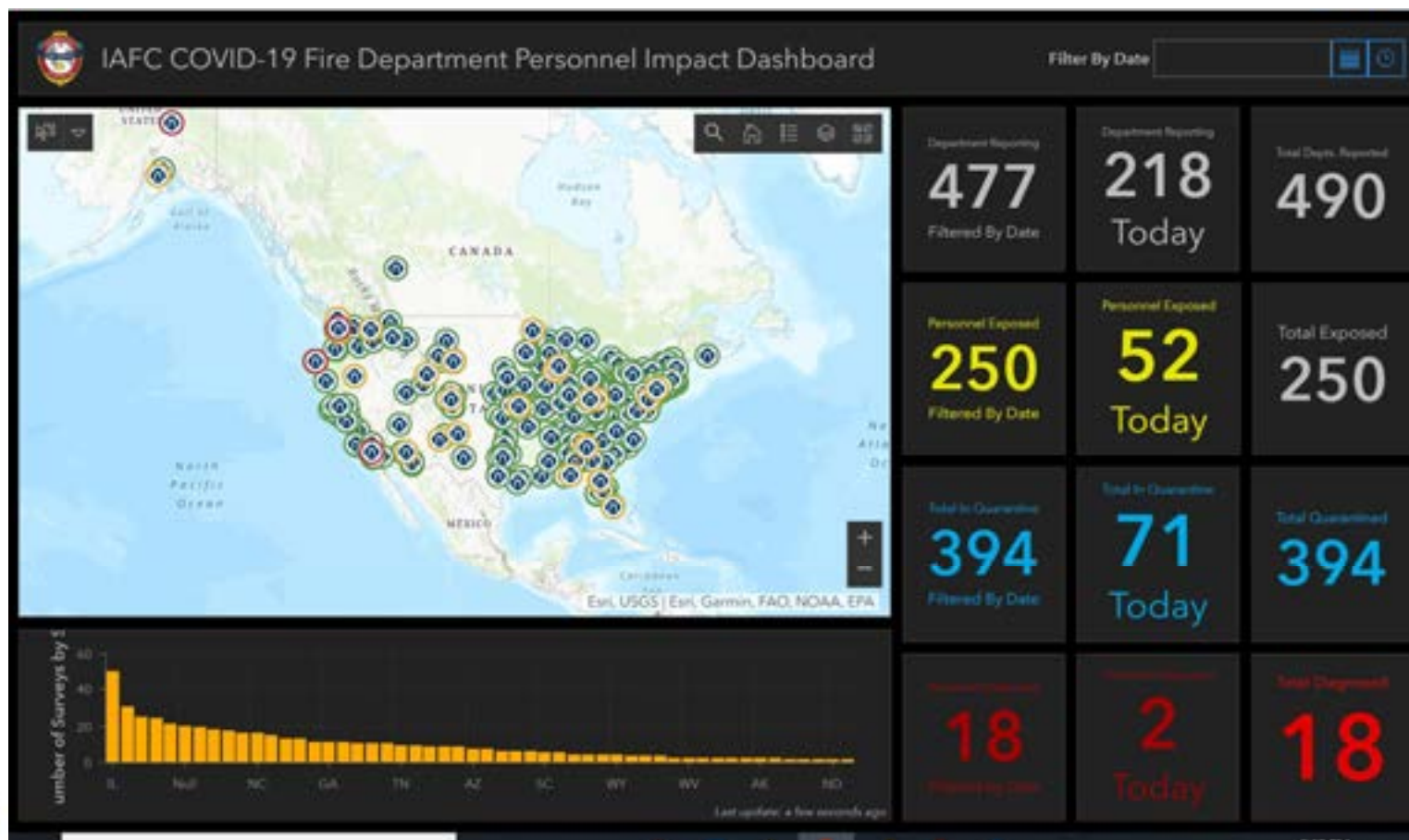
- Prioritize PPE/Drugs for fire and EMS
- EMS Surge Capacity
 - Expansion of license portability
 - EMS inclusion in telehealth
- Funding to backfill positions



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Impact Survey and Map



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NMAS



- National Mutual Aid System
 - Developed by IAFC, esri, and Juvare
 - Helps locate and request resources
 - Working to upload federal resources
- Active in FL, TN, UT, MT, SC, VA



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