

Review of Post Incident Assessment Charleston S. Carolina Sofa Superstore

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The June 18, 2007 Sofa Super Store fire, which resulted in the deaths of nine Charleston firefighters, is destined to become a landmark event in the American fire service. This session will present a comprehensive analysis of the Sofa Superstore Incident and the role of the Post Incident Analysis and Review Team in conducting a detailed review of the Charleston Fire Department, as well as a comprehensive analysis of the incident. The presentation will also discuss the development of a strategic plan to implement the recommendations produced by the organizational review and the incident analysis.

The presentation should provide valuable information for all fire chiefs who are committed to preventing line-of-duty deaths and chiefs who recognize the need to be prepared for worst-case scenarios.

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