CODING CORNER: REPORTING FIREFIGHTER INJURIES AS A RESULT OF ASSAULT

NFIRS Documentation of Firefighter Injuries

In addition to the Basic module (required for all incidents) or any other applicable modules required based on the incident response, one Fire Service Casualty Module per personnel member should also be completed if any fire service personnel are injured or killed as a result of an assault.

The instructions below focus on how to properly fill out the Fire Service Casualty Module.

Note: The EMS Module can be used to document injuries and fatalities related to incident other than fire. The Fire Service Casualty Module can be used to document any fire service personnel injuries or fatalities related to any incident type.

Fire Service Casualty Module

The fields listed below are _required_ when completing the Fire Service Casualty Module. It is recommended that all applicable fields be completed to ensure comprehensive reporting.

Required Data Fields
- **Gender**
- **Casualty Number** – The following format should be used: 001, 002, 003, etc., depending on the number of casualties.
- **Age or Date of Birth** – One or the other should be used, not both.
- **Date and Time of Injury**
- **Severity**

Assault-Specific Data Fields
- **Primary Apparent Symptom**
- **Primary Part of Body Injured**
- **Cause of Injury** – 5 -Struck or assaulted by person, animal, moving object.
- **Factors Contributing to Injury –** Select the code the best describes the situation
  - **91 -** Civil unrest. Includes riots and civil disturbances
  - **92** – Hostile Acts
- **Object Involved in Injury** – The following codes are recommendations only. Use whatever code is most applicable to what occurred:
  - **24 – Knife, scissors**
  - **25 – Syringe**
  - **91 – Person: victim**
  - **95 – Gun, or other projectile weapon**
  - **90 – Person, other.**

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the NFIRS administrator by email at NFIRS@wsp.wa.gov or by phone at 360-596-3924.