



Law Enforcement Officer Nonfatal Injury Study

Sample agency memo

Below is a sample memo/text that executives can share with their agencies to let officers know about the study and enable participation.

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I recently became aware of a national study being conducted on non-fatal injuries to officers. The study is being conducted by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and its designed to improve what we know about injuries so that they can be prevented. Importantly, if we can prevent non-fatal injuries, we can also prevent fatalities.

The study involves contacting officers who have visited hospital emergency rooms due to an on-the-job injury and incident that required a medical evaluation. Following the visit, the officer receives a follow-up phone call using the contact information left at the hospital. The calls are made by trained researchers at the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which is working in support of NIOSH study. During the calls, questions about the injury, how it occurred, and more are asked. The information shared is 100% confidential and is not reported back to us, the city or county, or others.

The researchers do not collect or report your name or ID number or even your agency name. All of this data is combined with data from other injuries around the state and in other states to develop a national database on injured officers.

I wanted to alert you to this so that you can participate in the case you are injured. This is an important study and by sharing your story, we can prevent further injuries and hopefully fatalities as well. You are not required to participate, but I hope you will consider it in order to protect others.

To learn more about the study, visit: <https://www.policefoundation.org/niosh-nonfatal-injuries-among-law-enforcement-officers-research-study/> or contact Dr. Hope Tiesman, Research Epidemiologist at NIOSH, at fto9@cdc.gov.