



TRAINING EVENT:

Rural Firefighters Delivering Agricultural Safety & Health

September 26, 2026

Weesaw Township Fire Department

**Lunch
Provided**

**Experienced
Instructors**

**Registration Cost:
FREE!**

**Take-Home
Materials**

Saturday, September 26, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern Time

**Weesaw Township Fire Department
13518 State St.
New Troy, MI 49119**

Register Now!



Visit rfdash.org/rf-dash-training-new-troy-mi for more info!

Classroom and hands-on training with easy to use, free tools:

RF-DASH uses a train-the-trainer approach, with curriculum that is in line with many National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, including NFPA 1300 on *Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development*. The program's curriculum and tools are **free** and **easy to use**:

Module 1: Introduction to Agricultural Emergencies

First responders are trained and well practiced for emergencies that are of high frequency, low risk. However, farms/ranches pose as a low frequency, high risk emergency to many first responders. This introductory module introduces them to and discusses the causes of the most common agricultural emergencies, including strategies to expedite and improve responses to them.

Module 2: Preplanning and Mapping farms with [FarmMapper.org](https://farmmapper.org).

Responding to emergencies on agricultural sites can be as dangerous as working there, presenting unique hazards to rescue personnel. Responders need to have a planned response for the farms in their service area to reduce this risk. This module includes instructional use of Farm-MAPPER, a free, online, mobile-friendly tool, that gives fire departments the ability to pre-plan and map farms/ranches, expediting response times in the event of an emergency.

Module 3: Farm Hazard Analysis with [Saferfarm.org](https://saferfarm.org)

The goal of this module is to help with the identification of common hazards found on farms/ranches. Most individuals understand the need to identify farm hazards, however that is only one stage of the goal in managing hazards and risks. Saferfarm.org and the Farm Hazard Analysis Tool (FARM-HAT) provides everyone the ability to identify, evaluate, and correct hazards to reduce the risk of injury on agricultural operations.

Module 4: Farm First Aid

Most farmers/ranchers and their families will not have any formal training in emergency response and first aid, and with the wide range of different hazards on farms, the probability of an incident is high. Knowing the correct response can improve a stressful situation and lead to better patient outcomes. This module aims to educate farm/ranch family members and employees how to manage a victim injured in an agricultural incident while emergency services are en route to the scene, as well as mitigating survivor's guilt.

Module 5: Approaching the Farm Community

This module covers methods on how to reach out and approach the farming community to implement the RF-DASH program on their area's farm and ranch operations.

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Safer Farms Build Safer Communities



"I think that's the plus of the program, taking rural firefighters and engaging them with that population. It's a small enough community that everyone knows each other. There's already a relationship there so—it's not a government agency or an insurance company or something threatening, it's someone who knows them and says, 'Dude, I care about you, Let's work together to make it better.'"

- RF-DASH Trainee

