

## Free Training Program About Chemical Suicides

The [Firefighters Support Foundation](#)'s (FSF) newest [training](#) program, [Chemical Suicides](#), is now available free by download. This program is available in two formats: a 36 slide PowerPoint program that's dense with information, and a 23-minute video program in which August Vernon presents the PowerPoint material. Firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and search and rescue personnel can view the video material with the PowerPoint file acting as their hard copy notes, or they can use either resource independently. Trainers can use the material as a turnkey solution; they can distribute the PowerPoint handouts, play the video, and then pause it periodically for discussion.

The program educates first responders about this new and lethal threat:

- It explains the process of chemical suicide by mixing cheap and easily available chemicals in an enclosed space
- It describes why this is a growing threat and an ever-more popular way of committing suicide
- It defines the reasons that first responders may be exposed to the lethal gases produced by the process
- It educates the audience about the warning signs that they may be approaching a chemical suicide
- It suggests response tactics and guidelines.

The entire program is at the practical level for front-line responder <http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2011/05/chemical-suicides.html>  
For our members who do not have access to a computer a copy of the powerpoint will be posted on the board. Please forward to others in our department.