



Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month Presentation Modules

In partnership with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), FCSN has designated January as Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month to provide firefighters the necessary tools and guidance to develop life-saving protocols for cancer prevention within their departments. In addition, bringing increased public awareness to occupational cancer in the fire service will help generate greater legislative support for states and provinces to establish a presumptive disability for cancer.

Firefighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in the fire service. In 2019, more than 75% of the names of firefighters added to the IAFF Fallen Firefighters Memorial Wall of Honor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, were of members who died from occupational cancer.

There are five training modules in the program, one for each day of the safety stand down, to use as education on the occupational cancer problem and steps one can take to reduce their exposure to cancer causing toxicants.

The training modules are a good discussion tool for firefighters to help educate themselves on reducing the risk of occupational cancer.

The five training modules are:

1. Scope of the cancer problem
2. Scientific research related to occupational cancer
3. Cancer prevention
4. Survivorship
5. The need for culture change

When using these modules, it is recommended to do so in presenter mode in PowerPoint to capture the instructor notes for the slides.

Make the necessary changes in regards to occupational cancer. Together, we can make a difference!

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