Survivor Story: Daniel Wuori
Norfolk Connecticut, EMS Captain
Diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoma, 2013

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In January of 2013 I noticed a lump on my left chest and had a biopsy. In April of 2013 I was diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoma and I was able to take oral chemotherapy. As a volunteer who had organized many Relay for Life events and also having worked in a doctor’s office, I was quite familiar with cancer, but one of the hardest days of my life was when the doctor said to me, “you have cancer”.

I had visited the Firefighter Cancer Support Network booth at the New England Fire Chief’s Show the prior year, so in June, I stopped by the booth again and signed up to volunteer to help other firefighters with cancer. I’m currently the Connecticut State Director and Co-Chair of National Volunteer Committee. After 38 years as a

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Firefighter/EMT, working with FCSN is some of the most rewarding work that I have had the opportunity to be a part of.

Two highlights of my time with FCSN involve other survivors. One time I was teaching a class and a firefighter came up to me after the class and thanked me for talking to him on phone when he was diagnosed and for getting him a mentor. That firefighter is now a mentor with FCSN. The second highlight is a lasting friendship that has developed from mentoring a firefighter. As firefighters we put on a tough act, but sometimes a text or phone call is all that is needed to get you through the day.

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