



Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month Presentation Modules

In partnership with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN), the IAFF has designated January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month to provide fire fighters 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.

Fire fighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in the fire service. From 2002-2020 67% of the names added to the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Colorado Springs, Colorado, were of members who died from occupational cancer.

There are five training modules in the program, one for each week of the month to use as an educational framework 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 fire fighters 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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