



## Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month

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In partnership with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN), the IAFF 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.**

At the 2022 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, almost 75% of the names added to the wall (348 out of 469) were members who had died from occupational cancer.

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

The purpose of the Daily Training Briefs is to provide discussion between firefighters as to the scope of the cancer problem, steps to take to reduce exposures, and signs and symptoms of various cancers that are prevalent in the fire service today.

Please download and print these valuable tools to help in understanding the scope of the cancer problem, and the steps you can take to educate yourself and ultimately reduce your risk of occupational cancer.

Since 2005, the nonprofit Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) has provided assistance and badge-to-badge mentoring to thousands of cancer-stricken fire fighters and their families. The FCSN also delivers extensive fire fighter cancer awareness and prevention trainings nationwide.

**Make the necessary changes in regards to occupational cancer.**

**Together, we can make a difference!**

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