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**Occupational Cancer is Killing Fire Fighters**

*January is Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month when leading fire service organizations educate fire fighters about cancer prevention and support.*

Occupational cancer is claiming the lives of more fire fighters than any other cause, including fires and other on-scene incidents. The LOCAL NAME, an affiliate of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) are committed to reversing this trend.

During the 2025 Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month ([iaff.org/cancer-awareness-month](https://www.iaff.org/cancer-awareness-month/)), the IAFF and FCSN will partner to deliver targeted education, best practices and resources to reduce the impact of cancer on fire fighters.

This year’s Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month highlights comprehensive strategies to reduce cancer risk throughout a fire fighter’s life. This includes understanding legislative presumptions for cancer coverage, addressing male and female reproductive cancers and their impact on fire fighters, providing behavioral health support for those facing a cancer diagnosis, and empowering fire fighters to advocate for their health at throughout their career.

This month-long campaign will allow fire fighters to participate in weekly calls to action and highlight success stories to help end the cancer epidemic in the fire service.

“Our job is dangerous; every fire fighter knows we may one day sacrifice our own life in order to save another’s,” says IAFF General President Edward Kelly. “But that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t do everything possible to make the profession safer. Education is a critical tool in the fight against occupational cancer. That’s why the IAFF and the FCSN are committed to raising awareness this January about actions fire fighters can take to stay healthy and safe.”

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“Ensuring the health and well-being of fire fighters is our top priority so we can keep our communities safe. We know that there needs to be further education, more assistance, and resources for fire fighters when it comes to navigating an occupational cancer diagnosis,” says LOCAL FCSN REP. “Working together with such dedicated groups, there is no doubt that this partnership will increase awareness and save lives.”

“Our members are being diagnosed with cancer due to on-the-job exposures. We have had the solemn duty of adding far too many of their names to the walls of our IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial,” says LOCAL PRESIDENT. “That’s why we have partnered with the FCSN to establish January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month – to give our hard-working members the most up-to-date guidance and data that will allow them the opportunity to enjoy a long, safe career and a healthy retirement.”

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