

CALL TO ACTION: REDUCE YOUR CANCER RISK ON THE FIREGROUND



BEFORE THE FIRE:

Divide the fireground into zones:

- Hot zone (high-risk, SCBA/on-air only)
- Warm zone (preliminary exposure reduction [PER] occurs here).
- Cold zone (rehab occurs here).



DURING THE FIRE:

- Wear SCBA from the start of fire through overhaul and anytime products of combustion are present.
- Park command vehicles and additional apparatus out of smoky areas if possible.
- Have a rehab set up in the cold zone for monitoring of all personnel involved.



AFTER THE FIRE:

- Perform a PER, using wipes for ALL those involved or exposed to products of combustion.
- Bag your contaminated turnouts in large, encapsulating 6 mil leak-proof bags for transport back to the station.
- Don't transport any contaminated PPE or tools in the cab of apparatus or in personal vehicles.