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## Planning Desks

# American Cancer Society, IAFF Collaborate to Fight Occupational Cancer

The American Cancer Society (ACS) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) will announce an historic, long-term collaboration to help fire fighters and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel with cancer detection, treatment, prevention, and patient support.

Occupational cancer is now the leading cause of death for fire fighters and EMS personnel. More than 60 cancers have been linked to 9/11 toxins; 200 FDNY members have died due to 9/11-related illnesses, while more than 3,000 have been diagnosed with at least one type of cancer. This historic alliance will make cancer resources more readily available and provide information and resources to help prevent and treat occupational cancer.

### **ACS-IAFF Press Event**

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Time 10:00 a.m.

FDNY Engine 55

363 Broome Street

New York, New York

Speakers:

**Dr. Karen Knudsen**, CEO, American Cancer Society

**Edward Kelly**, General President, International Association of Fire Fighters

**Dr. David Prezant**, Chief Medical Officer, Fire Department of New York

**John Channell**, Fire Fighter (retired), New York Uniformed Firefighters Association, Local 94

**Journalists:** Interviews with fire fighters and occupational cancer experts will be available. More information is available at <https://www.iaff.org/fightcancer/#press-kit>. All participants are advised to wear masks.