

SURVIVOR STORY:

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In 2020, I was diagnosed with stage III esophageal cancer. I began my medical leave, and my treatments began, which tallied up to 17 chemotherapy treatments, 17 immunotherapy treatments, 30 radiation treatments, and esophagectomy surgery.

I was blessed with support from family, friends, Beloit Firefighters Local 583, City of Beloit Fire Department, VA Healthcare in Madison, and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN).

In 2021, I was able to return to work after almost one year of medical leave. As of 2022, my cancer has been in remission. Also in 2022, I attended a class in Grapevine Texas to become a certified FCSN mentor. I am currently an active mentor for the FCSN, and I strongly encourage any fire fighter who is diagnosed with cancer to reach out to the FCSN. **Let the Firefighter Cancer Support Network help you.**

