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## **Derek Urwin**

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Derek Urwin, MS is a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry at UCLA and has been a fire fighter for 15 years. A member of Los Angeles County, CA Local 1014, he began his fire service career with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. He currently serves as an engineer with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. He works collaboratively with academic researchers on the Fire Fighter Cancer Cohort Study and is a member of California State Fire Training's Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness Curriculum Development Cadre. In addition, he has served as a live fire training and roof operations instructor with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. His doctoral research examines how carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) found on the fire ground damage DNA.