



Tips from Training



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The IAFF in partnership with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network has designated January as Firefighter Cancer Awareness month. FF Occupational Cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in the fire service. The FDNY is proud to support this initiative with several Tips from Training we will issue this month and periodically throughout 2022. **From 2015-2020, 75% of the firefighters added to the IAFF Fallen FF Memorial Wall of Honor died from occupational cancer.**

The following information was taken from the IAFF's website:

- Firefighter cancer is a looming personal catastrophe for each and every firefighter. Cancer is the most dangerous and unrecognized threat to the health and safety of our nation's firefighters.
- Exposures can subsequently have both short and long-term negative health impacts.
- The number of LODDs from occupational cancer continues to rise but our fire incidents are decreasing.
- We need to take the necessary steps to protect ourselves and reduce our exposures.
- Chronic exposure to heat, smoke and toxicants puts fire fighters at higher risk for developing cancer when compared to non-fire fighters. Inhalation, ingestion and absorption of toxic substances causes cell damage that may lead to cancer.

Submit a potential Training Tip via email to: TrainingTips@fdny.nyc.gov