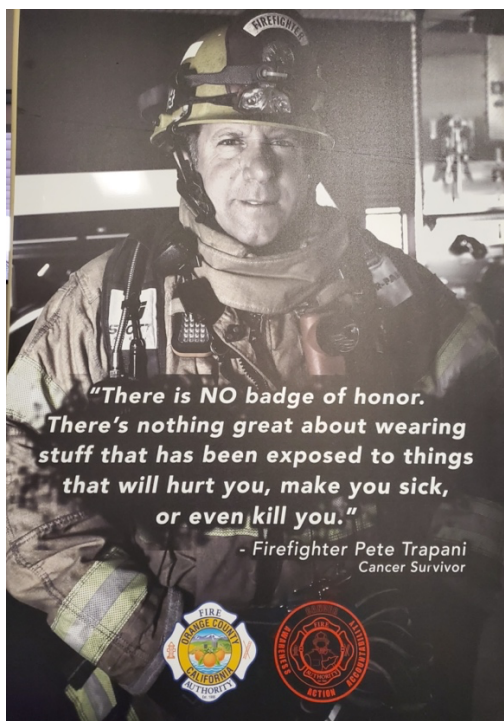




Survivor Story: Pete Trapani
Orange County Fire Authority, Firefighter/Paramedic
Diagnosed with Testicular Cancer in 2000

"There is no honor in wearing gear that has been exposed to carcinogens that will make you sick or even kill you. We need to make better choices for ourselves and our families."



Pete was diagnosed with Testicular Cancer in March 2000. Shortly after his treatment he learned about the work of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. He was suffering from some cancer after effects both mentally and physically, and knew he needed to talk to someone.

Not knowing what to expect, Pete attended a FCSN meeting where he could share his story with other firefighters just like him. In that meeting he received comfort, solidarity and faith from a group of total strangers with only two things in common, being a firefighter and cancer survivorship. From that day on Pete knew he wanted to give back and be a part of the organization. He wanted to give back to other fire families. Later Pete went on to be the Vice President from 2004-2008. He still supports FCSN Whole-heartedly to this day.

Our Vision: To be the global leader in firefighter cancer support, awareness, and education.

Our Mission: To assist firefighters and EMS providers and their immediate families diagnosed with cancer by providing badge to badge support, training and guidance.