

Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month Talking Points

- Occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in the fire service.
- 63% of those honored at the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in September 2023 died of occupational cancer (361 of 572).
- The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) now classifies firefighting as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1), IARC's highest carcinogenic hazard classification. This classification puts firefighting on par with tobacco and benzene as *carcinogenic to humans*.
- The IAFF and Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FSCN) are committed to providing fire fighters with the best possible methods of prevention to reduce their risk of cancer and supporting those with a cancer diagnosis.
- Throughout January, we will be promoting awareness of the epidemic that is cancer in the fire service by:
 - Sharing best practices to reduce exposures to carcinogens at the fire station, on the fireground, and off-duty in your personal life.
 - Listening to the stories of our survivors and their families.
 - Providing calls to action on what you can do today to reduce your cancer risk.
 - Providing the latest research on cancer in the fire service.
- Resources include factsheets, research articles, survivor stories, videos, training briefs, PowerPoints, and more.
- Learn more at: <https://firefightercancersupport.org/firefighter-cancer-awareness-month/about-cancer-awareness-month/>