# **ROLL CALL ANNOUNCEMEN** THE NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER REGISTRY (NFR) FOR CANCER

How does cancer risk vary across the fire service, and how do we reduce cancer risk for future generations? The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) created the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer – or the NFR – to answer these questions and more.

#### WHAT IS THE NFR for Cancer?

- The NFR is the largest existing effort to understand and reduce cancer risk among firefighters.
- **All firefighters,** paid or volunteer, active or retired, with or without cancer, no matter their length of service, can join the NFR. Participation is voluntary.
- Joining the NFR involves logging onto a secure website to complete a survey that takes about 30 minutes. As part of the sign-up process, you'll be asked to provide your name, date of birth, and information about your work. This will allow NIOSH to match your information with state cancer registries and study the relationship between firefighting and cancer outcomes.
- Joining the NFR consists of completing a survey and about one follow-up questionnaire each year.
- Please share information about the NFR with everyone you know in the fire service. The more firefighters who join the NFR, the more questions that can be answered about firefighting and cancer.
- **Privacy and data security** are top priorities for the NFR. Firefighters join through a secure website using multi-factor authentication, and data are stored securely with multiple layers of encryption.

#### **BENEFITS TO JOINING**

When you join, you:

- Help protect your brothers and sisters in the fire service from developing cancer
- Help lessen the impact of cancer on firefighters' families and friends
- Pave the way for new health and safety measures to keep the next generation of firefighters safe
- Improve understanding of cancer risk among minority, female, and volunteer firefighters, as well as groups like wildland firefighters

#### AFTER YOU JOIN

NIOSH researchers may reach out to you from time to time to respond to voluntary follow-up questionnaires. Your continued participation is key to protecting firefighter health.



### YOUR TASK!

Take time on shift this week to sign up at NFR.CDC.GOV

If you start the questions and get interrupted, you can come back and finish later.



JOIN THE NFR AT NFR.CDC.GOV

## TOGETHER, WE CAN HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE FIRE SERVICE!

For more information, visit CDC.GOV/NFR

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