



**FIRST RESPONDER**  
*Center for Excellence*



## **First Responder Center for Excellence partners with FDNY and the FDNY Foundation**

CROFTON, Md. — The First Responder Center for Excellence (FRCE), an affiliate organization of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), continues to partner with the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) and the FDNY Foundation to promote and assist in firefighter wellness and cancer prevention.

Recently, the FRCE funded six short training videos produced by the FDNY Bureau of Training. The goal of these videos is to further educate firefighters of simple actions they can take to reduce their risk of occupational cancer. The topics covered in the series include decontamination of gear and equipment, car and dumpster fires, children of firefighters, firefighter helmets, firefighter hoods, and reloading hose onto apparatus.

The FRCE intends to build on the video series, news that is welcomed by the FDNY. “This series of videos is designed to bring a greater awareness and mindfulness of simple tactical nuances that when adopted can equal big results” says FDNY Chief Frank Leeb.

The FRCE is also providing personal sunscreen containers for each of the members of the upcoming Probationary Fire School classes at the FDNY Fire Academy on Randall’s Island. Skin cancer is one of the cancers that firefighters have a high risk of disease.

The FRCE has also supported the FDNY in their publication of “Reduce Your Risk,” aimed at raising awareness of occupation-related cancers.

“Partnering with fire departments to help spread the message and educate firefighters is part of the core mission of the FRCE,” says FRCE Managing Director Ed Klima.

### **ABOUT THE FRCE**

The First Responder Center for Excellence for Reducing Occupational Illness, Injuries and Deaths, Inc., (FRCE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization receiving funding through private donations from individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations. The FRCE is a National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) affiliate organization, created in 2016 with a mission of promoting quality educational awareness and research for the purpose of reducing physical and psychological health and wellness issues for first responders.

The FRCE places a significant emphasis toward the continuously growing trend of cancer in the fire service. Among the numerous cancer awareness and prevention programs of the FRCE, the group is also the coordinating body for the activities of the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance (FSOCA). The FSOCA is a consortium of over 50 fire service leaders, physicians, government officials and scientists focused on firefighter cancer initiatives.

**Learn more about the FRCE:** <https://www.firstrespondercenter.org/>

## **ABOUT THE FDNY FOUNDATION**

The FDNY Foundation, established in 1981 is the official not-for-profit of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY). Our mission is to promote fire and life safety education and help the FDNY better protect New York. The FDNY Foundation funds programs that advance the FDNY's goals, which include maintaining operational excellence, reaching out to the community with an array of fire and life safety programs, and ensuring that our firefighters and EMS personnel have the best available training and equipment.

**Learn more about the FDNY Foundation:** <https://www.fdneyfoundation.org/>

## **ABOUT THE FDNY**

The Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) is the largest Fire Department in the United States and universally recognized as the world's busiest and most highly skilled emergency response agency. The Department's main goal is to provide fire protection, emergency medical care, and other critical public safety services to residents and visitors in the five boroughs. The Department also works to continually educate the public in fire, life safety and disaster preparedness, along with enforcing public safety codes.

Since its inception in 1865, FDNY has helped lead efforts to make New York the safest big city in the nation. This accomplishment requires a steadfast and daily commitment to maintaining the Department's core values. To that end, FDNY members are sworn to serve and protect life and property.

FDNY not only responds to more than a million emergencies every year, but its personnel also strive to prevent them by continually educating the public in fire, life safety and disaster preparedness, along with enforcing public safety codes.

**Learn more about the FDNY:** <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/fdney/index.page>