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LAVENDER RIBBON REPORT

The NVFC and International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (IAFC-VCOS) developed the Lavender Ribbon Report to detail 11 specific actions firefighters need to take to lessen those risks. An update to this report has been released to better help firefighters improve their health and safety and reduce occupational cancer risks.

Join NVFC New York director Brian McQueen, Charles Flynn, fire chief of the Suffield (CT) Fire Department and chair of the IAFC-VCOS board, Frank Leeb, deputy assistant chief of the Fire Department of New York and 35-year member of the East Farmingdale (NY) Fire Department, and Chief John Buckman (ret.), past president of the IAFC and co-founder of the IAFC-VCOS, for a discussion on the importance of the Lavender Ribbon Report and an overview of the new supplemental report.

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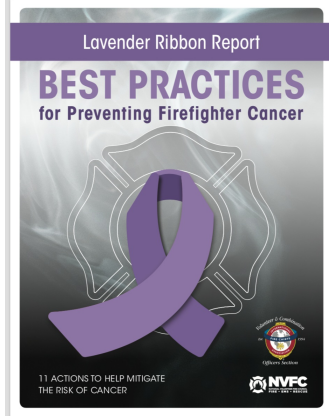
This event took place on September 14. Watch the recorded video here.

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Lavender Ribbon Report

Cancer is a serious health threat facing today's firefighters. Studies have shown that firefighters have an



increased risk of developing several types of cancers, due to the occupational hazards they face. However, there are steps firefighters...

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ARTICLES



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How Toxic Smoke from Wildfires Affects Your Health

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Video

Neil McMillan is a Canadian firefighter and a member of Ottawa Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local #162. He talks with us about why firefighters are disproportionately afflicted with higher rates of cancers.

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What Has Changed Since 9/11? - Fire Engineering

Thinking back over the past 20 years since the horrific attack of 9/11, so much has changed in the fire service that it would be incorrect to say that all was a result of the attack-but much of it was. To begin with, our lives as citizens were...

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FIREFIGHTING FOAMS FIRE SERVICE ROADMAP PROJECT

The firefighting Foams Fire Service Roadmap project, (AFG funded) is planning a workshop in the fall of 2021. This project seeks to coordinate the needs of the fire service stakeholders to identify and move forward with foam replacements. This effort is motivated by the search for legitimate foams that are non-fluorinated, since the fluorinated foams are a cancer concern. (e.g., legacy AFFF).

The FRCE is represented on this project and the workshop. The workshop will be conducted in October. More details will follow as they become available.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Albany, NY 12.3.2021

West Babylon, NY 12.4.2021

Columbia, SC 1.18.2022

Millburn, NJ 1.29.2022



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