

S.73 Firefighter Cancer Working Group

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Virtual meeting started at 2:00 pm

Participants:

- Michael Skaza, Brad Reed, Dean Gilmore, Cindy Ell

Approve Minutes of previous meeting

- Tabled. Minutes of the previous meetings are not available as the recording secretary left her position.

Report on findings from meeting with BGS Purchasing Agent

- Michael Skaza reported that he and Bob Sponable met with BGS Purchasing Agent Bill Vivian.
 - State contracts can be utilized by municipal entities to leverage state contract pricing.
 - Contracts can be either written to a specification or written as a percentage off of manufacturer's retail price. Multiple contracts can be awarded for similar items (more than one manufacturer).
 - When you enter into multiple contracts, you risk the benefit of competitive bidding.
 - Bill will investigate whether BGS will enter into contracts for the sole purpose of use by a municipality or private fire department and get back to us.
 - State contracts could be used to procure firefighter cancer screening services as long as BGS will enter into those contracts for use by municipalities or private fire departments.

Discuss the progress of the fire department survey

- Michael Skaza reported that the responses to the survey remain poor.
- The survey results spreadsheet will be posted on the SharePoint site so that group members can see who has responded and encourage others to respond.
- We may end up using the sample demographic information that we are gathering to estimate the total numbers.

Other Business

- Cindy asked the group to review the information that she shared last week and see if any gaps exist in information.
- We need to start working on the report draft. Michael Skaza will start that work and share the draft for others to contribute to.

With no further business, group members adjourned at 2:25 PM (approximately)