

S.73 Firefighter Cancer Working Group

Thursday, September 14th, 2023

Virtual meeting started at 2:00 pm

Participants:

- Robert Sponable, Michael Skaza, Brad Reed, Dean Gilmore, Cindy Ell, Chris Dube, Michael Desrochers

Approve Minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes approved by all.

Update on information gathered since last meeting

- Cindy gathered and emailed the links below:
 - NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting
<https://www.iaff.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/WFI-Manual-2022-with-AppendixA-D-WhiteBkCvr.pdf>
<https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/safety-health/wellness-fitness-task-force>
 - VCOS and NVFC Lavender Ribbon Report: Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer
 - American Cancer Society Screening by Age:
<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/screening/screening-recommendations-by-age.html>
<https://firefighternow.com/firefighter-medical-exam/>
<https://www.iafc.org/docs/default-source/1safehealthshs/healthcareprovidersguide.pdf>
[https://www.adamscountypa.gov/getmedia/e5782a89-d37e-44f9-ae5d-57eab1b50a0a/FirefighterPre-Physical\(Prep\)Guide.pdf](https://www.adamscountypa.gov/getmedia/e5782a89-d37e-44f9-ae5d-57eab1b50a0a/FirefighterPre-Physical(Prep)Guide.pdf)
<http://www.doi.gov/Wildlandfire/Medical-Exam>
<http://www.firedepartmentdoctors.com/The-SiteMed-Physical.html>
<https://www.workfitmedical.com/firefighter-physicals/>
<https://udshealth.com/>
<https://www.cancer.gov/news-events/cancer-currents-blog/2022/finding-cancer-early-mced-tests>
 - One Test for Cancer:
<https://onetestforcancer.com/accuracy-reliability-scientific-support/>
 - Galleri Grail:
<https://www.galleri.com/>
- Mike and staff produced a demographics spreadsheet that lists every fire department in Vermont and how many active members we have on record for each department. Mike will send the spreadsheet to Dean to compare with the VSFA's membership list. The list will also be sent to Brad to obtain the career firefighter numbers. There are currently 3,918 active firefighter records in the Fire Academy system. Active means they've touched Fire Academy services within the past 10 years. It has been noted that the age groups of the firefighters are important to document. The

next step for the spreadsheet is to break it out by age and gender. Cindy mentioned that a subcategory of years of service would be a beneficial data point.

Template for Legislative Report

- Mike created a template and posted it to the SharePoint site.

Identify next steps and assign tasks for next meeting

- Cindy will reach out to the National Firefighter Registry to see if she can get the number of Vermonters that are on the Cancer Registry.
- Mike will continue to work on the demographic piece with input from Brad and Dean.
- Director Desrochers will request that Dirk Anderson, Director of Workers Compensation and Safety, join in one of the upcoming meetings so that everyone can get on the same page.
- Brad will contact various PPE sales representatives to get an average cost on a mid-range spec.

Other business

With no further business, board members adjourned at 3:00 PM (approximately)