

# Cancer Bill Update and Fact Sheet

## Firefighters Cancer Relief Program

- State of CT Public Act no. 16-10
- 2 years of benefits
- Approved by a member panel
  - 1 CT state FF association
  - 1 UPPFA
  - 1 CT Fire Marshals
  - 1 CT conference of municipalities
- Cancers covered
  - Brain, skin, skeletal, digestive, endocrine, respiratory, lymphatic, reproductive, urinary, hematological
- As reported via NIFERS

## **Special Conditions**

- Entry physical with Clean Cancer screenings
- No tobacco use for 15 years
- Interior Structural Firefighter
- 5 years of physicals with Clean Cancer screenings
- Compliant with OSHA 1910.134 Fit Testing
- Compliant with OSHA 1910.156 Fire Brigades
  - Annual Training
  - Annual physical performance qualification is mandatory for qualification
  
- Law in effect 2/1/2017 eligibility to file claims starts 7/1/2019
- Cannot file both benefit and Worker's Compensation simultaneously
- Retirement from "interior status," requires 5 years of post-service physicals and screenings to remain covered.
  - Still in department, can still get physicals with screenings
  - Quit department, must pay for your own physicals with screenings
  - After 5 years not covered by benefit

## **AVFD Considerations and Challenges**

- Physicals- Get yours done if you are interior
- Need to shift to annual physicals for all members regardless of age
- Tobacco use- contact Employee assistance programs, talk with your doctor or HHMG for help with tobacco use cessation and abstinence
- OSHA- Get your fit testing and stay in good status
- Documentation- Get your names on the attendance reports post-incident
- Participate in all mandatory training including live burns and PPQ