



## Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs

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**Subject:** Support for the National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer

**To:** Dr. Kenneth W. Fent, PhD, CIH  
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National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dear Dr. Fent,

On behalf of the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs and the fire service leaders we represent across the State of Kansas, I write in strong support of the National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer.

Our mission is simple and solemn: send everyone home and keep them well throughout their careers and into retirement. Cancer remains the leading threat to that promise. The NFR's voluntary registry—designed to collect occupational histories and link them with health outcomes—gives us the data we need to understand risk across all firefighters, including volunteers and groups historically underrepresented in prior studies, and to drive prevention that actually saves lives.

The NFR's scale and intent matter. A nationwide enrollment goal that engages hundreds of thousands of firefighters will strengthen evidence, improve prevention, and inform standards, policies, and training for decades. We support that ambition and the Registry's focus on all demographics and all duty statuses.

Kansas is ready to do our part. As President of the KSAFC, I commit to:

- Champion NFR participation through our chiefs network, regional associations, and mutual-aid partners statewide.
- Share NFR outreach materials and enrollment guidance with departments of every size—career, volunteer, and combination—and elevate success stories to build momentum.
- Encourage integration of NFR education into chief officer meetings, recruit academies, and annual cancer-prevention training.

This is about stewardship. The data we help build today will protect firefighters our children will one day lead. You have our full support for the creation, implementation, and long-term stewardship of the NFR.

With respect and resolve,

Chad Russell  
President, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs  
Fire Chief, City of Andover, Kansas

### ***KSAFC Mission***

*Our mission is to prepare the leaders of the Kansas Fire Service and to represent our interests at the state and local level to better serve our communities.*