



Professional Firefighters Association of Mississippi

For Immediate Release - November 29, 2025 Letter of Support - National Firefighter Registry for Cancer

Dr. Kenneth 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 Professional Firefighters Association of Mississippi (PROFAM), I am honored to offer our strong support for the National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer. PROFAM's mission is centered on protecting the health and safety of firefighters who put their lives at risk every day. We recognize that cancer is the leading cause of firefighter line-of-duty deaths, and the NFR is a critical step toward understanding and preventing these tragic outcomes.

Cancer is the number one killer of fire fighters. Only through monumental endeavors like the NFR for Cancer, will we be able to track, understand, and turn the tide on fire fighter cancer. The NFR for Cancer's goal to enroll more than 200,000 firefighters is a goal PROFAM stands behind. We support our members' participation in the Registry, as it will be the generations of firefighters who follow us that ultimately sit in the shade of this tree you are planting.

Your efforts, through the NFR for Cancer, will help protect our brother and sister firefighters, help lessen the impact of cancer within our membership, improve our understanding of cancer within all sub-groups and demographics in the fire service, and pave the way for improvements to the health and wellbeing of our nation's next generation of firefighters who follow us that ultimately sit in the shade of this tree you are planting.

PROFAM, is proud to stand with the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer and we look forward to the positive outcomes it will provide for firefighters today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Johnny A. Bass, Sr.
President
Professional Firefighters Association of Mississippi (PROFAM)