



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

## Resolution 2019-1

**Resolution Title:** Cancer Presumption Legislation  
**Resolution Description:** Support of cancer presumption legislation for firefighters  
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**WHEREAS**, members of the career and volunteer fire service spend significant amounts of time exposed to combustion of known and unknown carcinogenic products that may lead to cancer-causing exposures; and,

**WHEREAS**, many types of cancers in members of the fire service have been shown to be work-related, and

**WHEREAS**, the career and volunteer fire service should receive assistance from their local, state, tribal, provincial, territorial and federal governments in the event of a cancer diagnosis, and

**WHEREAS**, career and volunteer firefighters should be provided with necessary care in the event of a cancer diagnosis,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the IAFC supports cancer presumption legislation which will improve the overall safety, health and survival of members of the fire service, particularly fire chiefs and other chief officers who entered the fire service during a period in the past when the use of self-contained breathing apparatus was not emphasized; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the IAFC and fire chiefs work collaboratively with other appointed and elected officials, labor organizations and other parties to define the scope of these types of legislative actions, given the devastating effects that cancer has had and continues to have on members of the fire service.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** Staff time

*Recommendations:*

**IAFC CBR:** Support

**IAFC Board of Directors:** Support

*Action:*

**IAFC Membership:**

Date: August 8, 2019

Location: Atlanta, GA

*Future Action:*