



## 2020 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

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### 4. Lavender Ribbon Report: Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer

The International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have partnered to develop and release the Lavender Ribbon Report: Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer. This report provides 11 actions that can be taken to mitigate the risk of cancer for firefighters.

Unfortunately, the topic of firefighter cancer has had a significantly increasing impact on firefighter health and welfare. Great strides have been made by departments and responders everywhere in combatting and preventing cancer, but more still needs to be done. The time is NOW to make changes.

Fire Chief Timothy Wall, chair of the VCOS, and Chief Kevin D. Quinn, chair of the NVFC, would like to thank the committee that worked diligently to put this report together. They challenge those in the fire service,, whether a chief, chief officers, or firefighter, to educate your membership by disseminating the report and displaying the poster in your departments.

This report is dedicated to those responders that are battling or have lost their battle with cancer.

**This class will be offered Friday morning and repeated Friday afternoon.**

**Kevin D. Quinn** joined the fire service in 1976. He currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council. He recently retired as a Deputy Chief of the Union Fire District in South Kingstown, RI, and has returned to where he began in the volunteer fire service – actively responding to fires and alarms with his original Station #3 of the Union Fire District. Kevin is a past-President of the Rhode Island State Firemen's League, Rhode Island State Advocate of the National Fallen Firefighters

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Foundation's Everyone Goes Home-Courage to Be Safe Program, member of the Foundation's Rhode Island Local Assistance State Team, member of the Hope Valley HazMat team, and member of numerous federal, state, and local exercise design management teams. He served on the NVFC Board of Directors for over 30 years as Alternate Director for Rhode Island and now continues as Director and Vice-Chairman. Kevin holds a Master of Science in Counseling and Educational Psychology and a Master of Science in Education.



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