8. Firefighter Cancer Support Network: You Fight Fire, We Fight Cancer

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The harsh reality is that almost two-thirds of the firefighters battling fires today will be battling cancer tomorrow. Cancer remains the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths among firefighters. By making a meaningful contribution to our mission, to assist firefighters and EMS providers and their immediate families diagnosed with cancer through our unique support services, we can make a greater impact on our nation's heroes battling cancer.

The goals of this class will be to educate firefighters and EMS Personnel about their increased risk of developing cancer; encourage actions and behaviors to reduce or prevent exposure to occupational cancer hazards; encourage healthy lifestyle choices to further reduce cancer risk; and provide information about screenings and early detection, have conversations about culture change, and share resources available to firefighters, EMS personnel, and their families following a cancer diagnosis.

About the Instructor:

Marc Henderson is the Kentucky State Director for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network and is a cancer survivor. He was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in 2021. He has 38 years' experience as a volunteer firefighter/EMT in Daviess County, Kentucky and has worked for the Kentucky Fire Commission for 17 years, currently serving as the Region 1 Coordinator Marc served as the Green River Firefighters Association Secretary since 2006, and was the Kentucky Firefighters Association President in 2024. He serves on the Bryant Stiles Officers School Board and is the Vendor Coordinator for the school. He also is the School Coordinator for Kentucky State Fire School held each June in Lexington.