

FIREFIGHTER CANCER INITIATIVE

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men and women in the United States.

Firefighters have an increased incidence for colon (14%) and rectal (9%) cancer. Firefighters also have an elevated mortality from rectal (36%) cancer as well as NHL (42%).

What is Colorectal Cancer?

Colorectal cancer is the development of cancer in the bowel, colon or rectum (all parts of the large intestine). It is also known as bowel cancer, colon cancer, or rectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer is more likely to be diagnosed early following routine medical screening.

Get tested

if you are over

50
years old



you should get a colonoscopy by your doctor's recommendations

Know the dangers



Diesel exhaust is associated with rectal cancer, lung cancer, and leukemia.

Diesel exhaust in firehouses generates exhaust which will enter not only the apparatus bay but also the firefighters' living quarters. As a result, firefighters can be exposed to diesel exhaust for a significant portion of their shifts.